Wilson statement heartens **EEC** supporters

· Wilson told the Commons election manifesto on the terms not by party conference resolu-

terday that he considered for continued membership of tions. Pro-EEC MPs found his self bound by Labour's the European Community, but summit report encouraging.

Tory praise embarrasses Prime Minister

Wilson made clear in the nons yesterday that, if the renegotiations are successre will recommend accept-of the terms to the British le on the basis of the ur Party's election maniand not on the basis of notions passed by Labour conferences, past, present

a statement on the Euro-summit in Paris last week, Prime Minister gave the of display of political ty that places him head ilders above any other

ly recovered from his viral ion, which he blamed on ck of "good plain English ind beer," Mr Wilson skil-fended off the highly un-

any regrets about his statement that he would advise the British people to accept the conclusion of the negotiations in advance of any decision by the Labour Party conference.

To the discomfiture of those

who consider as sacrosanct all motions passed at Labour Party conferences, Mr Wilson replied that, what he had said about commending the terms, was "entirely in accordance with the manifesto on which I fought

two elections.

"I had quite a lot to do with the drafting of the manifesto", Mr Wilson added, "I stand by the manifesto and the requirements that we set out."

fended off the highly unne praise from the Tory liberal benches for the s of his mission and the ats from the Labour left deeply anxious over the a warmth for all things the fermion on, that if the Government got the terms, they could be recommended to the country. If it did not get the terms, then other arrangements would have to be made. Mr Wilson and close the terminate of the country. made clear that he considered Norman Atkinson, Labour every Labour MP to be bound

MP for Haringey, Tottenham, and a leading opponent of British membership of the Community, demanded to know whether the Prime Minister had of their constituents would be their constituents would be their constituents would be their constituents. expect them to honour its

> On the vexed question of the renegotiation of Britain's contribution to the Community budget, Mr Wilson indicated a new approach. He said that the Government would think it right that Britain's contribution thould be bigger to the 1920. should be bigger in the 1980s once it had begun to reap the benefits of North Sea oil. This would happen only if the terms were acceptable, including a reduced budgetary contribution in the 1970s while

the costs of entry into the Com-

munity showed a net disbalance

for Britain. Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, voiced the views of the Europeanists when he told Mr Wilson that everyone recognized the need for the Prime Minister's cautions, reservations, conditions and apprehensions, but it was clear that the rene-gotiations were going well, and he should be congratulated.

the Opposition, gave Mr Wilson's statement such a glowing welcome that the Labour leader seemed, for the moment, totally unnerved. Recovering quickly, however, he save warning of however, he gave warning of the hurdles ahead.

the hurdles ahead.

Although not denying totally that he had had some modest successes in Paris, culinary matters apart, Mr Wilson set about mending some of the injured feelings among his own backbenchers. And not a moment too soon, as Mr Roy Hughes (Newport) told him angrily that he had given the impression of blowing up minor concessions into major triumphs.

For a moment Mr Wilson For a moment Mr Wilson

seemed taken aback by this onslaught from behind him. Quickly he explained that, if Mr Hughes had been listening to what he said he would be aware he had claimed limited progress on only one point of the seven in the manifesto. He hoped MPs would deduce from that fact that there was still a long way to go.

Missing MP 'was spy' says Czech defector

Mr John Stonehouse, the missing Labour MP, was one of three members of Parliament in the 1960s who were named as spies by Mr Josef Frolik, a defecting Czechoslovak intelligance officer. gence officer.

The allegations were made after Mr Frolik defected after the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakja and passed on detailed evidence to the Central Intelligence Agency devices a debicie. gence Agency during a debrief-ing which lasted several months. His disclosures form part of a file on Mr Stonehouse drawn

up by the British intelligence services, which is being used in an attempt to discover possible reasons to explain Mr Stone-house's disappearance from a Miami beach almost four weeks

Mr Prolik, a former major in the Czechoslovak intelligence service, is known to have super-vised operations in Britain. He is regarded as one of the most important Soviet defectors to have come to the West in recent years. He lives in America under a false identity and with a fictitious past provided by the

His allegations about the activities of the three British MPs, including Mr Stonehouse, form an important part of the dossier Parliamentary report, page 11

25-nation cartel says it will stop Britain's sugar if price talks fail

By Hugh Clayton

No sugar will be sent to
Britain from 25 cane-producing
countries until a high enough
price is agreed, producer
representatives said in London
yesterday. They want £300 a
ton. Britain has offered £200,
compared with £140 being paid
under the almost defunct Commonwealth Sugar Agreement.

Mr Percival Patterson

Mr Percival Patterson, Jamaican Minister of Foreign Trade and spokesman for the 25, said: "There will be a holdup of sugar shipments as a result of our failure to agree

"No country is going to be shipping sugar at any time until we have concluded an agreement that is satisfactory and expresses a realistic price. In the meantime, as we produce the sugar we shall be using it to meet our commitments to other markets."

Mr Patterson was speaking after a 90-minute meeting with Mr Peart, Minister of Agricul-ture, about 1,400,000 tons of cane sugar from developing countries for which the EEC has guaranteed access. That amount accounts for half of British sup-

It also became clear yesterday that Tate & Lyle and the British Sugar Corporation, which to-gether process more than three quarters of the sugar supplied in Britain, were about to apply compiled from his debriefing for price increases on top of Continued on page 2, col 3 whatever is eventually agreed

small rises to cover domestic costs such as the price of wrapping paper.
It is futile to estimate the

ultimate price of sugar in the shops, as that depends on three unknown factors, of which the price to be agreed with the 25

The second is the internal EEC selling price for next year, believed to be about £180 a ton; the third is the extent to which the British Government will subsidize the difference between the two, if at all.

Mr Patterson said after meeting Mr Peart that ministerial talks will be resumed in Brussels and London in January. Brussels had so far offered the 25 countries a long-term contract worth £145 a ton, to which Britain would be allowed to add £21 a ton under EEC rules. Anything beyond that would be for Britain to offer, and so far she had not offered enough.

"It is up to the British Gov.

"It is up to the British Gov-eroment to use their political muscle in the EEC to get an understanding that is in their own interests", he said.

The 25 have not ver abandoned the hope of persuading the EFC to raise its basic price of £145, thus reducing the gap Britain would have to make up in order to satisfy the develop-ing countries.

Special Report on world sugar, briefing, pages 24 and 25

Mr Stuart Stirling in Londo last night

'Times' man tells of death threat

By Stuart Stirling, Buenos Aires Correspondent of The Times, who left Argentina at the weekend after receiving a

At about 10 pm on December
4, I was walking in central
Buenos Aires towards the
offices of the English-language
paper, the Buenos Aires
Herald, to visit some friends. I
noticed a Ford car following me down a side street and before I could react, is screeched up alongside me.

A man jumped out of the car and pushed me into it. I noticed that machine guns of the type the police use were resting on the floor and radio equipment was attached to the front near the driver.

There were three men in the car. They refused to answer my questions or to identify themselves. I was taken to a fiat in a fashionable part of the city where a fourth man asked me politely to be seated. He held a pile of photo-copies and I noticed they were articles I had written for The Times on Argentina. "Are you a communist?" he asked me. "No", was my reply. "We do not like what you are writing about our country", he said. "It is not the truth."

I told him the fact that I

Standing up, I demanded yet again to be allowed to get in touch with the British Embassy

the same car near to where a had been picked up. I then got in touch with the embassy and went into hiding before leaving the country. The Argentine In-formation and Press Secretary was very concerned when told what had happened and gave

however as the AAA uppear to be a law unto themselves. It is remarkable that the police, at a time when there is a state of siege, do nothing to stop the movements of the AAA, who drive round the city openly in their cars, which never carry number plates. At present, Argentina's pres

is living in a world of self-imposed censorship. This is the result of the Government's Continued on page 5, col 6

chool meals up 3p 15p from April

ion Correspondent

ol meals are going up 2p to 15p a day from Mr Prentice, Secretary te for Education and said in a Commons answer yesterday. It is it increase since 1971. rentice said the present was less than two fifths tverage cost of providing

ncrease has been timed tide with revised rates of allowances and supplebenefits. There will a new remission scale, n parents' incomes, on entitlement to free meals or reductions in e are decided. rank Field, director of d Poverty Action Group,

shands' demands for

are was a grave danger sewives faced with pay-

e increase would back

"Poor families will be parti-cularly badly hit. We know that many of them do not apply for

stigma attached to those children in many schools who do get their meals free."

Mr Henry Clother, of the National Union of Teachers, said his union regretted the effects the increase would have

free school meals because of the

effects the increase would have on hard-pressed families.

"The tendency is for those who can least afford it to keep their children from school meals", he said. "The danger is that they will go to the fishand-chip shop, and very often buy only chips. The youngsters will not get a balanced diet."

will not get a balanced diet."
Mr Prentice also said that last October a record number of English and Welsh children are school dinners. There were 5.773,000, or 70 per cent of the maintained school pupils. as compared with 66 per cent in October, 1973. But the number of pupils getting free dinners had dropped from 795,000 (14.7 : Government will find per cent) to 750,000 (13 per would have been very cent). About 26,000 pupils are cheaper to subsidize thought to buy snacks at midday, and 458,000 bring their

own packed lunches More than two million pupils ccused the Prime Mini-breaking his post-elec-omise to help families over the age of seven entitled affation. Mr Field said: to it for health reasons.

tish Rail pensions cash es into Old Masters buyers at Sotheby's during the eritish Rail Pension Fund past week or so one is bound ne to the rescue of the to conjecture what is being put

ket British Rail told me ay that its pension fund nited regular basis " and 's said it was advising nd. Advisers and prinvere unwilling to discuss es so far, but it is I that they spent £195,000 eek in Sotheby's Old sale on a Tiepolo sketch e mircculous translation holy house of Loreto".

f Rome. lote were knocked down t was described as "an lous English collector". world's economic diffi-become tougher collece becoming increasingly ous. In Italy, where poli-deconomic crisis is com-they have become so loug that their outline has y disappeared. Much of Baillie collection of fine furniture was sold to hades last Friday, but it wed that the anonymous British Rail was also in the bidding.
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by for the old age of our porters, ticket collectors and

that the concept of the pension fund investing in art had been under consideration since May. But it appears that it launched into purchases only last month.
The total the fund disposes of amounts to about £150m. Even a small proportion could set the art market, desperately short of buyers, back on its

arrangement. Sotheby's say they are providing advice and background information on desirable items only. The pension fund decides whether to take the advice and bid.

That is a necessary assurance, for it is Sotheby's responsibility to advise their consignors on reserves, or the minimum acceptable price to stick out for. If they were buying agents also they could arrange prices at any level that seemed suitable. Someby's say they advise British Rail also in sales at Christie's and elsewhere.

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Dec 16
ral Ugo Ricci, a member
Army general staff, has
arrested on charges of
il conspiracy. He is the
erving general to face
5 connected with alleged
oppos ing subversion.

Warrant was signed by
ovanni Tamburino, the
investigating magistrate,
as been preparing a case
t alleged members of a

ring conspiracy whose ame was: Rosa dei venti-stal Vito Miceli, the foread of the secret service. rested last month accused ring this group. eral Ricci, who is 52, had

inded the Military my of Modena and then

ained at the academy re- life.—Reuter.

minding them that while men changed, ideals continued the same. He said that he was inno-

He had jealously guarded only one idea, that of the national flag. I will always oppose anyone who tries to sell the country to the foreigner. I can only express my disgust at those who attempt to use the armed forces for political

He had been informed at the end of June that proceedings might be opened against him. Rome, Dec 16.—In Rome, arrest warrants were issued against three people, including a woman and a member of the carabinisti force. carabinieri force, accused of planning to kidnap President

The alleged plotters were said to have hoped that the said to have hoped that the ensuing chaos would lead to the said to have hoped that the said to have hoped that the ensuing chaos would lead to the said to have hoped that the said that g to Rome.

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France and America agree on oil and gold

From Fred Emery Fort de France, Dec 16

France and the United States today announced striking new agreements for a common approach to the complex of world economic problems. In a joint communique issued at the end of the meeting between President Giscard d'Estaing and President Ford on Martinique, the two countries declared that:

"Consistent economic policies" were imperative on both sides of the Atlantic to avert unemployment while fighting inflation

Official gold holdings might be upvalued to current market prices by any country that wished. A phased timetable was needed for a grand conference between oil importing and

exporting countries.

Probably of greater importance than these specific agreements, however, was the hope that France had been "brought back on board" the Western alliance, as one of President Ford's close advisers put it last

President Giscard startled an audience of international press correspondents by saying he he emphasized the personal relationship he had struck up with President Ford and said he would have recourse to direct "

The alignment of hitherto



The Presidents of the United States and France chat informally before the summit concluded.

apparent in the approach to a by the consumers before facing conference between oil con- the oil-producing nations. to be unconcerned in which and here the French turned the page on Gaullist forum matters will now pro-suspicion and fractiousness. ceed so long as France acts in ceed, so long as France acts in tune with the rest of the West.

Ever since the Washington wanted "to make of France an energy conference last Februactive agent of international ary, France had been the odd cooperation". Again and again man out. Now M Giscard energy conference last Februman out. Now M Giscard d'Estaing has agreed on solidarity among the industrialized nations—in terms of mutual financial support in the contact whenever it recycling of petrodollars in conservation of fuel and, lignment of hitherto above all, in the prior establishment divergent positions was most lishment of a common position consumer countries in order to

Most of the public pronouncements, if more restrained today, bore witness to the extraordinare confined to an interest and producers. Dr. The grand conference will require at least three phases.

The first, the consumers are to effect is for the United States. strong backing for Dr Kissinger's proposal for a \$25,000m recycling fund.

Then, "based on progress", in building this consumer nation cooperation, the two Presidents agreed to propose a "preparatory" meeting with the oil producers, with a target date for next March. Its purpose would be to draw up an agenda.

The third step would be, in the words of the communique,
"intensive consultations among

prepare positions for the con-ference. By this Dr Kissinger means a common front. President Giscard said after-wards that he hoped negotia-

tions would bring a price reduction, but he felt it could not fall much below the present level. The important gold decision

was seen here as a useful step in assisting external payments of deficit countries, which can now roughly quadruple the book value of their gold holdings when expressing them in currencies. Even more important may be the next decisionon whether central banks may sell and buy gold at market prices, as the French wish.

Communiqué text, page 5 Gold deal, page 19

Labour MPs criticize Co-op deal

By Our Industrial Editor The Co-operative Insurance Society's decision to retain Mr Harry Hyams as chairman and managing director of the Old-ham Estate property group came in for criticism yesterday as Labour and Co-operative MPs sought assurances that future policies will conform to

Co-operative principles.
It was disclosed that the insurance company's takeover of Mr Hyams's empire had not been approved by the parent

been approved by the parent Co-operative Wholesale Society's board of directors.

Mr John Methven, Director General of Fair Trading, will be seeking information about the deal, which is now before the City Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, before deciding whether it should be investigated by the Monopolies Commission.

Centre Point: The Co-operative

Insurance Society said vester-day that a large part of Contre Point, the controversial London office block, would be occupied as soon as leases were signed. The society said it was not embarrassed by Mr Hyams's "empty offices myth", as almost all its office blocks were now occupied. "The company

has virtually no empty office space left", it added. Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, Labour and Co-operative MP for Teesside, Thornaby, said: "I have asked for an assurance from the society that it will not allow Oldham Estate to pursue the socially irresponsible poli-cies which they have followed over the past few years".

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had been brought forcibly by his friends was proof enough that such organizations as the AAA (the fascist Anti-communist League) existed. As a journalist, it was my duty to report on the murders and crimes that had been committed all these months by them.

and the Minister of the Inte-rior. I was met with a heavy silence and told that, if I was not out of the country by Christmas, I would be killed. The men dropped me off in

me a security grand.

There was little he could do.

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British Rail said yesterday

Sotheby's and British Rail are reticent about the advisory

Sharp decline in industrial output

Fresh evidence published yesterday by the Government that output in many of Britain's key industries is either stagnating or falling, will intensify fears that the country is sliding into an economic recession. Official indices of ndustrial production for October show that output was down for the third consecutive month. Industrial production, which accounts for some 45 per cent of Britain's entire output of goods and services, was 2.2 per cent lower between August and October than in the correspanding period of 1973, just before last winter's

Rhodesia plan for black rule after five years

Black Rhodesians, under a plan formulated by Mr Vorster and accepted at the Lusaka talks, are promised majority rule after one interim Parliament, which would probably sit five years. Meanwhile, Mr Garfield Todd, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, is still waiting for the restriction order on him to be lifted. Page 5

Cuts worry Dr Luns

Dr Luns, secretary-general of Nato, said in London yesterday that he could not conceal his disquiet at the political and psychological effect of Britain's proposed defence cuts. His greatest concern was for Nato's southern flank, where Soviet activities were increasing Page 4

Foreign doctors

Britain is relying more than ever on overseas born doctors, the Chief Medical Officer's annual report says. More will be needed every year to 1983 if the health service is to grow. The number of foreign doctors in general practice is also rising

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Taking empty homes

Requisition powers to enable local authorities to take over empty properties were called for yesterday in a Shelter report which denounced the growing practice of sending homeless families to cheap bed-and-breakfast hotels. It says companies are beginning to acquire houses for local authority bed and breakfast as a profitable business

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Safety moves planned at homes for aged

Nottinghamshire County Council, which runs the Fairfield old people's home where fire killed 18 residents on Sunday, is to accelerate expenditure of £36,000 on improving fire precautions at its homes. But priority improvements are to be carried out on two-storey homes, not single-storey buildings like the Fairfield home. The council is to be asked to invite Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, to set up an independent inquiry into the five.

The Pope condemns Church ferment

The Pope yesterday marked the coming of Holy Year with an apostolic exhortation to unity within the Roman Catholic Church. He condemned as dangerous the "ferments of infidelity to the Holy Spirit" inside the Church. The promoters and victims of this process were attempting to undermine the Church from within, he stated

China to 'settle down'

Chairman Mao Tse-tung has told the Chinese that after the Cultural Revolution it is now "time to settle down". A statement by the Chairman to that effect, whose authenticity has been confirmed, has been put up in public places outside Peking Page 6

Snow reports begin The first of *The Times* series of snow reports appears today. This service, covering in all about 120 resorts in the Alps and Norway, will be published daily throughout the winter.

Tory leadership: New dispute likely today over revised rules that would virtually exclude a Heath victory in the first ballot 2 Bravery awards: The Queen's list includes the George Medal for a Devon fireman who risked

his life to save three people

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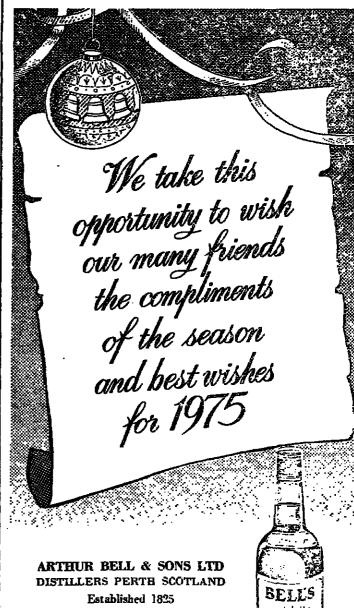
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Home where 18 died not on county list for priority improvements

Nottingham County Council, which is prepared to finance an independent inquiry into the fire that killed 18 people at an old people's home at Edwalton on Sunday, is to speed the expenditure, agreed only 11 days ago, of £36,000 to improve fire precautions in its homes.

That was stated yesterday by Mr Richard Wilson, leader of the council, whose social services committee discussed the question in November and took its request for approval before the finance committee on December 5.

In a report on that occasion it was stated that the chief fire officer's requirements for fire precaution equipment and services were incorporated in new buildings at sketch plan stage: At the client hand-over the chief fire officer certifies that the stipped to the control of the lated requirements have been met but no further check is carried out once the building is occupied. sixty-four buildings of all types and ages have recently been rechecked by the chief fire officer, and this has identified deficiencies in all but 28, ranging from minor defects like door closers to the need for additional fire escapes or self-closing fire doors.

In a section of the report relating specifically to homes for the elderly and the question of fire and smoke barriers, it was stated that recent reports about fires in the United King-dom had drawn attention to the hazard to life caused by the spread of smoke through concealed parts of the building structure such as roof voids.

That could cause asphyxiation of the occupants in the associated rooms. The report con-

This is of particular significance in homes for the elderly, where certain residents may be prescribed sleeping tablets or other drugs by their GPs and may sleep very heavily.

sleep very heavily.

Recent spot checks on a number of homes for the elderly indicate that additional barriers and remedial work may be required to arrest the possible spread of smoke and fire through structural

The report said it might be possible to combine inspection and the required remedial works at the time when redecoration was carried out to cause minimum disruption to residents. It was agreed to spend the £36,000

Mr Henry Swain, the county architect, was authorized to investigate the fire and smoke barrier provision in concealed parts of the building structure of homes for the elderly and to rectify any deficiencies.

A third decision was taken to install automatic fire alarms to

Edwalton was a single-storey fire risks. building, not a two-storey An article in Building Design be inserted into the space to structure requiring priority last month, commenting on a interrupt the air flow. But improvement work, Mr Albert fire at Ulsworth comprehensive other government departments. Thornhill, the county's chief school in Washington New Town, did not apparently follow suit.



Mrs Jill Herbert, night attendant at the Fairfield home. The council would also be

fire officer, said yesterday. Today the county council will asked at a routine meeting invite Mrs Castle, Secretary State for Social Services, to establish an independent inquiry into the fire. [Mrs Castle, who is to visit the Fairfield home today, has called for a report from Nottinghamshire County Council on the circumstances surrounding the fire.]

In addition to bearing the cost the council would assist in every way in the search to establish what happened and why it happened, Mrs Miriam Beardsley, chairman of the informa-tion and public protection committee, said vesterday. She also said that Mr Raymond O'Brien, the chief executive, had started to collate reports by representatives of the emer-gency service and other con-cerned departments for detailed analysis purposes.

Building system criticized

The Clasp (Consortium of Local Authorities Programme) was agreed to spend the £36,000 industrialized building system on improvements over the next used in the construction of the Fairfield home was first developed in Nottinghamshire about 13 years ago by Sir Donald Gibthe county's former chief architect. Its light weight and flexibility were considered to make it particularly suitable for areas liable to mining subsi-dence.

The system has been periodicalert the emergency services in ally criticized, particularly in homes of more than one storey, trade journals, which have The Fairfield home at drawn attention to the inherent

An article in Building Design

pointed out that within the past year 12 schools insured with Municipal Mutual Insurance had burnt down, and seven of them were built by the Clasp system. As a result the company, which specializes in local authority coverage, was said to be re-examining its premiums. The particular characteristic

meeting the cost of replacing survivors' personal belongings.

Mr Edward Culham, the director of social services, is to

examine staffing levels in the county's homes, particularly at

Home Office scientists and a team from the Fire Research Establishment at Borehamwood,

Hertfordshire, searched among

the debris yesterday for clues. It is likely to be some days before any conclusive judgment

can be given.

Of the 18 who died, 16 were women and two were men.

Fire alert: Seventy elderly people left the Endcliffe Hotel

at Cliftonville, Kent, vesterday morning when the fire alarm sounded (the Press Association

reports). Firemen found that heat from the basement boiler

room had set off the alarm.

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of Clasp is the large gap be-tween the roof and ceiling, which in certain circumstances can act as a giant flue, fanning flames around the building.

In 1971 the Department of Education sent a circular to local authorities, recommending that compartments should be inserted into the space to

Tories face new clash on ballot for leadership

By George Clark Political Correspondent

When the Conservative Party gets the revised plan for the election of its leader today a new dispute is likely to break out over the proposed rule which would virtually exclude the opportunity for Mr Heath to be reelected in the first ballot.

Details of the revised rules, which have "leaked" to Conservative backbenchers, indi-cate that in the first ballot Mr Heath would have to obtain 65 per cent of the vote to win. To win under existing rules the leading candidate must receive both an overall majority and 15 per cent more of the votes cast than any other candidate.

Under the proposed new rule, Mr Heath would need 179 votes. When the party voted in 1965 he got 150 votes against Mr Reginald Maudling's 133, and Mr Enoch Powell's 15.

Mr Heath did not then obtain the necessary margin, but a second ballot was not held besecond ballor was not leave to cause Mr Powell had been eliminated, Mr Maudling decided not to carry his characteristics. lenge farther, and no other candidate came forward.

The opportunity for new candidates to intervene after an indecisive result in the first vote is apparently to be pre-served in the revised plan. Thus possible contenders like Mr du Cann, the chairman of the 1922 Committee, and Mr Whitelaw, chairman of the Conservative Party, could wait on the side-lines to see how the expected straight fight goes between Mr Heath and Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Heath's supporters argue that all contenders should stand in the first ballot and that the leader should be chosen by a process of elimination. One a process of entananon. One suggestion being canvassed is that on the first ballot, with all contenders standing, those who receive less than a fifth of the possible total vote should be eliminated.

No firm proposals will be made until the full revised plan, drawn up by Sir Alec Douglas-Home and his committee, has been studied. It will be presented to Mr Heath, as leader of the party, and he will wait for the views of the 1922 Committee, the Conservative peers, and the National Union, before taking any further action. The 1922 Committee will prob-

ably not meet to consider the

new rules until after the Christ-

Trust post for Prince

mas récess.

The Prince of Wales has been appointed chairman of the Administrative Council of King George's Jubilee Trusts (for Youth) in succession to the late Duke of Gloucester, it was an-

Labour moderates to decide form of Commons group y Geoffrey Smith If the meeting decides not to the Manifesto Group while leav- sisting probably of seven or The decisive meeting in the register, that will be the end of ing it open to the meeting to eight members. No recommentation of a moderate group the matter for the time being put forward any other pro- dations will be put forward for

iormation of a moderate group of Labour MPs to balance the influence of the *Tribune* group within the parliamentary party will be held today.

At least a hundred MPs have general terms. been invited to discuss whether the group should register with the chief whip and have a for-mal list of members in the same way as the Tribune group. That is the recommendation of the steering committee which was set up after a meeting of some fifty moderates in the dying days of the old Parliament

at least. If it decides to register, it will go on to determine its aims and objects. A draft declaration has been drawn up in

It is in essence an appeal to democratic socialism with no reference at all to membership of the EEC, a deliberate decision to make it just as easy for anti-Europeans as pro-Europeans to join.

The committee will suggest that the group should be called

The meeting will then go on to choose officers. that several names wi There will be a deliberate posed from the floor. attempt to form a collective chairman as had earlier been

It is suggested that there should be a chairman, probably

any of those offices by the steer-ing committee but it is known

Dr Mabon and possibly Mr among those proposed for vicechairmen.

The favourite for secretary is should be a chairman, probably Mr Horam, but the names of two or three vice-chairmen, a Mr Roper and Mr Sanderson secretary and a committee con- are being suggested as well.

He claimed that they were part of an elaborate spy ring, finan-ced by the Czechoslovaks and also involving civil servants and a double agent living in

Part of the information provided by the MPs was alleged to have involved policy decisions at the upper level of the Labour Party. Mr Stonehouse's usefulness would seem to have derived in the early years from his post as Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Aviation from October, 1964, to April, 1966. In the weeks since Mr Stone house's disappearance senior members of the Government have shown reluctance to talk about his background. But in Whitehall circles the Frolik allegations have been common knowledge for several years. Pressure is being put on Mr Wilson, as head of Britain's security services, to make a full statement about security checks

which are alleged have been made on Mr Stonehouse since the Frolik allegations were The Foreign Office refuses to discuss any details of the intense intelligence operations, including close cooperation with the American services, which have ensued since Mr Stonehouse's disappearance. Sir Peter Ramsbotham, British Ambassador in Washington, has been keeping a close watch on the situation through the British consul in Miami, Mr D. W. M. Pierotti.

In the late 1960s Mr Stone house was looked on as one of Labour's rising stars and his apparent fall from ministerial grace, which surprised many of his colleagues, followed Mr Frolik's allegations to the CIA. After serving under Mr Wilson as Minister of Aviation, Minister of State, Technology, Postmaster-General and Minister of Posts and Telecommuni-cations, Mr Stonehouse returned to the back benches when Labour lost the 1970 election. Mrs Stonehouse insists, however, that he was offered the post of shadow Minister of

business for several years and then come back to active leader-

business mission that Mr Stone house disappeared. He had checked into the Fountainblue Hotel at Miami, a headquarters of the Mafia in the United States, and had talked to officials of the First National Bank of Miami, partly to secure fresh industrial contents for Cheby industrial contacts for Global Imex, his trading firm.

copter parts.

his disappearance deepened.

Suggestions by the FBI that he may have voluntarily dis-appeared were indignantly rejected by business associates, including Mr Philip Gay, his

connexions and his disappear ance, it is clear that Mr Stone-house faced business diffi-

Capital Group were being sued by Mr Keith White, a former director of the group, over ver-bal deals concerning shares and

Life insurance policies on Mr Stonehouse were arranged by Mrs Stonehouse after his car was wrecked by a bomb at Heathrow airport and another bomb was found at Naafi head-quarters, near the family home. Mrs Stonehouse declines to disclose the amount of the poli-cies, but a figure of £120,000 Aviation but rejected it because has been reported.

Raiders take chemicals used in bombs from Ulster factory

at the weekly security meeting

at Stormont Castle yesterday.

Afterwards, figures were re-

leased showing that in the past week security forces have charged 24 people with terrorist

gunmen" bave been caught

since the middle of September,

when a new period of violence

began with the killing of a judge

A new trial was ordered yes-

on the roads than from the stomach.

and resident magistrate.

Security forces yesterday searched for 10 men who stole from a factory 12cwt of chemicals that are used to produce home-made bombs. The plastic sacks of potassium nitrate were taken from a glassworks at Dungannon, co Tyrone.

On Sunday evening two armed men called at the home of one of the staff of the Tyrone Crystal Company and waited with his wife until he came home. One of the raiders stayed wiith the woman and the other took the employee to the fac-tory, where eight men were waiting with the furnaceman and security guard. With a gun at his head the

employee was made to disconnect an electronic alarm connecting the chemical store with the RUC station.

Three factory employees were tied up and the chemicals were loaded into a van and a Maxi saloon car, which was later found abandoned. The theft may mark a new

series of bombings or indicate

that the supply of explosives has been reduced by the security forces. In another chemical theft on Sunday evening 18 tons of harm-less acetic acid were taken with

a lorry and trailer from a lay-by the to at Hillsborough, co Down. It is again believed that the thieves thought court.

national

newspapers

Disruption of national news-

tion and the Newspaper Pub-lishers Association went on.

The action follows no regular pattern and no warning is given. Chairmen of office branches

open sealed instructions each

evening telling them if, and how, their members are to act. All Fleet Street newspapers were prevented from including

late news in Friday's issues.

Only The Sun was affected on

Saturday. Sunday newspapers were also prevented from mak-

ing late changes and similar action affected printing of The Guardian on Sunday night.

The NPA council met to re

view the dispute yesterday and is to meet again today.

Health workers accept: The

Confederation of Health Ser-

vice Employees yesterday

accepted a 19 per cent pay offer to 70,000 of its members among

hospital ancillary workers. The

National Union of Public Employees has recommended a further 110,000 staff to accept

the offer, making it virtually certain that the deal will be settled within the social con-

Sanction threat: The Hospital Consultants' and Specialists' Association, which claims 5,000

members, has moved nearer to

endorsing sanctions in hospitals two days before Christmas in its tussle with the Department of Health over a new consultants' contract (our Medical

ded last night to recommend to

party on the new contract.
Forty consultants at hospitals in the Blackburn constituency of Mrs Castle, Secretary of State

Reporter writes).

continues

By Raymond Perman

Labour Staff

Plan provides for three Eire universities Mr R. Burke, Minister for Education, disclosed in Dublin with Trinity College, Dublin. A which are to continue as convesterday the Government's joint board will coordinate the structure of higher education in the republic.

in July to cause explosions and endanger life and property.

Mr Justice Nield said when the jury had returned after seven hours with no verdict that the two men would be tried

again at a later sitting of the

Ireland and constituted an independent university, thus finally disposing of the contro-

in the republic.

iects, mainly professional, will may be necessary to give effect
University College Dublin, be allocated to one university to the government proposals
will be detached from the or the other. A wide measure of because of consequential federal National University of agreement has been reached.

job safeguard plan

changes in the composition of

The most controversial point the Upper House of the Dail, is likely to be the refusal of where at present the two univerindependent status to the col- sities have three seats each. Disruption in Mr Foot rebuffs TUC on

they were taking sugar. The load troubles. There have been is valued at more than £19,000. 1,756 deaths on the province's

leased showing that in the past week security forces have charged 24 people with terrorist offences. Fifty-three "travelling agreed damages of £21,500 in the Belfast High Court yester-

The Department of Environ- and the Ministry of Defence.

ment announced in Belfast She was in a restaurant when

vesterday that over the past six Private Audin's gun went off,

years more people have died seriously injuring her in the

Conspiracy case retrial

156 per cent.

reports).

The number of fatal accidents

caused by drink has risen by

Victim's £21,500: A girl who

day (the Press Association

Dorothy May Kells, aged 20,

of Stewartstown, co Tyrone, had sued Private Geoffrey Audin

The prosecution had alleged that Mr MacLochlainn and Mr

BP oil refinery on the Isle of

being IRA members and said

they were members of Sinn Fein. They said they had come

to England under false identi-

The two Irishmen denied

Grain, Kent.

By Paul Routledge

The TUC suffered a rare rebuff yesterday when Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, declined to take powers to veto redundancies and subsidize temporarily ailing companies to save workers' jobs. paper production continued last night as the pay dispute between the National Graphical Associa-Union leaders have been

asking the minister to write into his forthcoming Employment Protection Bill a provision that employers wishing to reduce their labour force should first obtain the approval of the Department of Employment. If the firms were only in tem-potary difficulty, money that would otherwise be paid as un-employment benefit to the redundant workers should be added to the payroll, the TUC says, so that the men could stay

it would be unprecedented under English law for his department to decide when and to what extent companies could reduce their manpower.

He pointed out that in the consultative document on the Employment Protection Bill the

Government was suggesting that try in the area, is inflationary.

notify the department when they proposed to declare redundancies, so that the manpower services could take immediate steps to redeploy or retrain the workers. There would be sanc-tions available against employers for failing to notify the

employers should be obliged to

department.
Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said after the talks that Mr Foot was " not wholly convinced" by the TUC's case. "If there should be a case. "If there should be a deterioration in the employment situation in the next year, and we are not assuming there is going to be one because of the things the Chancellor is doing, the relevance of the things we are asking for could become even greater." Mr Foot left over for further

discussion the TUC's argument at work on full pay.

Ar Foot told TUC leaders that allow the Conciliation and Arbitration Service to o ployers to pay the "going rate", so that "pockets of low pay" could be cleared up. The CBI argues that the present proposal, which could force, say, an engineering company to pay the average rate for the indus-

Drive agains pollution cut by rate squeeze The nitrate haul was discussed roads and 929 due to violence.

By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent

Some of the measures in t Control of Pollution Act, pass earlier this year, will have be deferred because of logovernment finance cuts. Parliament: Under-Secretary of State Wales, speaking yesterday Cardiff at a conference on use of domestic waste, warr local authorities that tl would be able to consider o urgent needs first. New r jects for recycling must limited to those produc

revenue or saving resources. His comments came sho before the formation of a r Waste Management Advis the Central Criminal Court had failed to agree on a verdict.

Michael MacLochlainn, aged 17, of the Bogside, Londonderry, and Joseph Coughlan, aged 27, of Tullamore, Offaly, had pleaded not guilty to couplin Indian to plant bombs or find targets. They were arrested a few days when the police raided a house in Wood Green, north London. The men were all the men w Council was announced in Commons written answer fa the Department of the Envir ment. It gave the names of of the eventual 18 members will hold their first meet

Their terms of reference to review the development waste management policies Britain for reclaiming mater and recycling. Mr Gral Searle, director of Friends the Earth, has already me tained that the committee of not meet a promise from Government that environs tal interests will be well resented when waste reclation is under review.

Members of the council clude Lord Darling of B borough, Mrs J. Graf Housewives' Trust, Lady WI Royal Commission of Envi ment Pollution, Mr N. W assistant general secret TUC, and Sir Daniel Pe National Freight Corporati

Lead seen as possible violence cause

Violent teenage behaviour cluding football hooligan might be attributed partilead pollution, Professor Bryce-Smith, Professor Organic Chemistry at Rea University, said yesterday.

In a joint article in Ecologist magazine with Prosor Tony Waldron, of Department of Social Medi at Birmingham University, fessor Bryce-Smith says children with a condition kn as hyperactivity have a tendto violent destructive ac They quote cyidence that hy activity may be linked to rablood-lead levels.

Professor Bryce-Smith vesterday that lead in child blood had reached those lin some cities. Glasgow, Sa and Inner London

Referring to an as yet published work by Dr O David, of the Child Behan Research Unit, New York said that if its research confirmed the question are whether people should be to prison or treated for behaviour.

The two professors, who worked for the lead indi base their arguments on controversial premise that affects the brain, long be there are clinical signs of poisoning.

Gift from poor box to failed financier Edward Ash, a City financier his first unemployment pay whose firm crashed because of later this week.

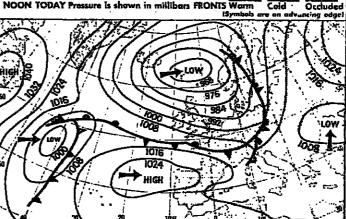
the economic situation, stole cakes and cheese worth £2.49 at Harrods, the Kensington department store, Marlborough Street Magistrates Court was told yesterday. Mr St John Harrograph the magistrate discharge Mr Ins week.

Mr Ash, aged 40, who lives in a £160-a-month flat at Albany Mansions, Albert Bridge Road, Battersea, admitted the theft and was granted a conditional Harmsworth, the magistrate, ordered that he should receive the prosecution, said it was a money from the poor box to tide him over until he receives his investment firm failed he

but was not paid. Now, wi large overdraft, he had si

on for unemployment pay Mr Harmsworth said the was stolen when Mr Ash hungry and in severe fina stress. He told a prob officer to see Mr Ash, sa

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises : Sun sets: S.1 am. 3.32 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : 10.7 am 10.7 am 8.3 pm
First quarter: December 21.
Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.32 am.
High water: London Bridge, 3.42
am, 6.9m (22.8ft); 4.9 pm, 7.0m
(23.0ft). Avonmouth, 9.12 am,
12.4m (40.6ft); 9.28 pm, 11.9m
(39.1ft). Dover, 12.43 am, 6.6m
(21.8ft); 1.3 pm, 6.6m (20.9ft).
Hull, 8.16 am, 6.6m (21.8tt); 8.9
pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Liverpool, 1.3
am, 8.0m (26.3ft); 1.16 pm, 8.4m
(27.6ft).
A deep depression will move R 8.3 pm

A deep depression will move E to the N of Scotland and a trough of low pressure may advance from the W across S Britain later in the

Wales: Sunny spells, scattered showers, perhaps becoming cloudy; wind W. perhaps strong at times; max temp 7°C (45°F). SW, Central S and SE England, Channel Islands: Mainly dry, sunny intervals, but rain later; wind W, moderate or fresh, becoming light; max temp 8°C (46°F). Outlook for tomorrow and

Thursday: Showers and sunny intervals in most areas; rather cold in N, temp near normal in S. Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind W, gale or severe gale; sea very rough.

Strait of Dover, English Chan-nel (E): Wind W, strong or gale, becoming fresh; sea very rough becoming moderate.

day.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea:

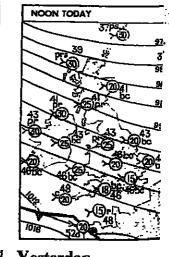
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:

Wind W, gale or severe gale; sea

very rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;

Mr Humphrey Burton, London Weekend Television's former head of drama, arts and music and recently editor of its programme Aquarius, will head the merged music and arts features department when he rejoins BBC television next March.



Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am pm, 12°C (54°F); min, 6 pa am. 6°C (43°F). Humidity, 6 8 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 0.07in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm Bar, mean see level. 6 pm. 1 millibars, steady.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

30-day forecast

The Meteorological Office terday issued the following fo for the next 30 days: Cold wt is expected to spread to all dicarly in the period and to dominate in most areas until the end of the year. Milder w is likely to return gradually districts before the middi Jahuary. Mean temp and rainfall are expected to be average in central and E. E. districts of England. Gales, and snowfall are expected to with about the usual freq for this time of the year but



MIDDLE TO HIGH TAR
Manufacturers Estimate

EVERY PACKET CARRIES A GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING

Mr Stonehouse named as spy by defector Continued from page 1 he wante

ship politics.

He was also hoping to establish financial links between the bank and his London Capital Group, and had then been scheduled to fly on to Los Angeles to collect what his wife called a big cheque from Garrett Cor-poration for a report on heli-

personal assistant. Though there was no sugges-tion that a link may have existed between his business

he wanted to concentrate on

It was during an important

But shortly after 4 pm on November 20, after saying he was going swimming, he disappeared, leaving \$700.\$800 of cash and travellers' cheques behind. At first it was thought he had drowned, but when no body was found the mystery of his disappearance deepened

he and the London

a full council meeting on Saturday that members should be asked to employ sanctions from December 23 unless the department provides written confirmation of draft agreements reached so far in the working

for Social Services, decided yesterday to work to contract from 9 am today. Their action brings to 70 the number of consultants working to rule in England. Thirty are taking action at Crewe.

Botterill ahead in key chess game

From a Chess Correspondent Llangenuech, Dyfed The key game between the leader, G. S. Botterill, and the defending title holder, W. R. Hartston, was adjourned in the third round of the British Chessian Chamber Theorem. Championship play-off tourna-ment at Llangennech yester-day with Botterill the exchange ahead in the end game. Scores

after three rounds: Botteriii, 3', and one adjourned; M. J. Hayearh and A. J. Mestel, 1'; R. Bellin and M. F. Stann, one out two. A. H. Williams, one: Hariston, and one adjourned out of two. Results of round litree: Botteriil y Hariston, Caro Kann defonce: adjourned. Williams v Mestel, Fronch defence, hiack won. Bellin v Hayearth Fronch defence, chack won. Bellin v Hayearth formed defence, drawn. Stean had the bye.

New BBC arts chief

eport yesterday by Shelter, ousing charity, denounced icreasing practice of send-omeless families to live in bed-and-breakfast hotels alled for requisitioning of properties.

nides throughout Britain likely to spend a total of this year: in London 1.135 families were in bed reakfast hotels on March me stayed for long periods, igh the practice was admitted to be unent for the families as well pensive for local authori-

nough homelessness is the common and increasing the system is also used to modate teenage children are", battered wives and it refugees. The report sizes that such accommois in no way "a holiday rates ".

ites severe overcrowding ismilies having to live in coms unable to do any g and baving to walk the during the day. Children n be kept quiet report says: "there is

manimity among those in I positions that bed and last is a totally unsatis-way of dealing with

se Shelter breaks new I is in showing how the e has grown, the extent growth in private " homess factories" specifically to house social service and in proposing drastic ms, including a housing ency office to take over ife houses, and the proviif powers to requisition

resort to bed and breakis most widespread in p. At the end of March, there were 633 families ioused: a year later the

Our Correspondent

William Toogue, aged 40,

ital technician, wore two clothing so that he could

change his appearance escaping with £10,000 rom a bank, Huddersfield

rates were told yesterday.

Granville Rooley, for the

rtion, alleged that Mr tof Durham Road, Brad-oflected £10,000 in cash

areztening to blow up the

said that Mr Tongue had ied to make his identifica-

ifficult by tying back one

fingers to make it look

ie had lost part of it. Tongue was charged with

oith a bomb

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) bank, court told

figure had almost doubled, ris ing in almost every borough.

During the first quarter of this
year in London, 918 families
were admitted to "proper" temporary accommodation, while 1,132 went to bed-and-breakfast hotels. The average length of stay in many boroughs is more than three months,

and sometimes exceeds a year. The average cost for a family with two children was reported by the borough of Lambeth to be \$50 a week.

Landlords or companies were

beginning to acquire houses and use them for local authority bed and breakfast as a profitable business. The reporticies one "hotel which it estimates will receive more than 1100 000 from a become this £100,000 from a borough this year. It compares that with "poor-farming" under the old poor laws. Requisitioning powers are

essential the report says: A local authority knowing of an empty house could take it over for a limited period. Compulsory purchase powers were too laborious. The bed-and-breakfast "factories should also be requisitioned, as should pro-perty declared unfit but cap-

able of short-term renovation. A housing emergency office could be set up to take over short-life houses, renovate them with dismountable bathroom units and other temporary measures, and let them to local authorities for temporarily homeless families.

homeless families.

The report received a tentative welcome yesterday. The Association of Directors of Social Work said it would support all practical steps; Mr Tom White, the president, said it must be remembered that some homelessness was contrived, understandably, to queue-jump waiting lists. waiting lists.

ional Westminster bank in John

William Street, Huddersfield, of £10,000; with threatening to damage the bank; and with

carrying an imitation firearm

while committing a robbery. He was remanded in custody
Mr Rooley said Mr Tongue produced what appeared to be

a bomb during an interview with

Mr Hall and threatened to ex-

plode ir unless he was given f10,000 in old notes. A clerk who was sent for the money be-

Authorities 'reached out to seize smuggler'

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A man who had been extra-dited from Kenya on a con-spiracy charge was sentenced at Middlesex Crown Court yester-Middlesex Crown Court yester-day to four years' imprisonment in what was said by Mr John Rogers, for the prosecution, to be the first case of its kind under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971

Daniel Mathei, aged 28, a resident of Nairobi, pleaded guilty to conspiring with others between June 30 and October 16, 1973, to import 80.8 kg of cannabis into the United Kingdom.

Mr Rogers said it was the first case where the authorities in Britain had stretched out beyond smugglers caught coming in, to seize a man who, they said, was responsible for the importation of cannabis although he did not put a foot in Britain at the time

of the smuggling.

He said that Mr Mathei, who
was a ramp liaison officer at Nairobi airport, stayed in London during September, 1973, with a man called Donald Estey, who was sent to prison for four years by Middlesex Crown Court in April this year for his part in the conspiracy. The prosecu-tion case was that Mr Estey and Mr Mathei were the prime con-spirators and that Mr Estey prepared for the consignment of herbal cannabis which was im-ported in suitcases "stuffed

A customs officer told the court that the street-level value of the amount involved was about £50,000.

Mr Michael Foot fined £40 for careless driving

From Our Correspondent

Aylesbury Mr Michael Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, was to blame for a three-car collision the night he reversed from a public house forecourt into a main road, magistrates at Brill, Buckinghamshire, were told yesterday.

He was fined £40 after pleading guilty to careless driving on the A41 Bicester road at Kings-Buckinghamshire, on October 11. He did not appear

in court. Police Police Sergeant Frederick Tidesley, for the prosecution, said that the driver of a passing car had to brake sharply to avoid hitting Mr Foot's vehicle, and was struck in the rear by a following car, which was struck in turn by the car behind that. No one was injured.

Mr Richard Cole, for the

came suspicious and called the police. Mr Tongue was arrested as he left the bank
Mr Rooley said that the parcel Mr Tongue had made up contained a battery, a clock Mr Richard Cole, for the defence of Mr Foot, said that he had checked to make sure the road was clear and reversed only partly on to the highway. There was no clear whate line mechanism and sticks of what to indicate the boundary appeared to be explosives. They between the car park and the



A new Dr Who, Mr Tom Baker, formerly of the National Theatre. The BBC science-fiction series reappears on December 28.

Janie Jones's sentence of 7 years 'not day too long'

Jones, who was not in count, was refused leave to appeal. Judge King-Hamilton, QC, who sentenced her last April at the Central Criminal Court, said then that she was the most evil woman he had ever en-

countered.

Lord Widgery, sitting with Lord Justice James and Mr Justice Melford Stevenson, said Miss Jones, of Campden Hill Road, Kensington, trapped girls into her service with faise promises of meeting influential people in the film and television world. vision world. When the girls found there

were no prospects of meeting

The jail sentence of seven appears on Janie Jones, aged 37, the singer who ran a prostitute in the singer who ran a prostitute in the pros

The court was satisfied that the trial judge, when passing sentence, had not been influenced in any way by Miss Jones having pleaded not guilty to charges of blackmail. She had been acquitted on those charges. Miss Jones had been jailed for five years concurrently on for five years concurrently on each of seven charges of controlling prostitutes and two years more on three charges of attempting to pervert the course of justice by threatening violence to prostitutes due to become witnesses against her. She had also been ordered to

American jailed after admitting robbery attempt

From Our Correspondent

A former American marine who served in Vietnam was jailed for three years and recommended for deportation after pleading guilty at York Crown Court yesterday to attempting to rob the Halifax Building Society's branch office at Snaith, near Selby.

Richard Hatchell, aged 26, from South Carolina, admitted brandishing a replica of an automatic pistol and ordering a young female assistant to lie on the floor. He fled empty-handed when the chief clerk

Miss Louise Godfrey, for the prosecution, said the assistant had been so frightened that she hid for a quarter of an hour before she could be persuaded pay prosecution and defence before she co

Navy officer | In brief was drunk at embassy reception

Lieutenant Adrian McCurry, aged 26, of the minehunter Maxton, was sentenced at a court martial at HMS Cochrane,

Rosyth, vesterday, to be dismissed his ship and to lose six months' seniority.

He admitted bringing discredit on the Royal Navy by being drunk at a British Embassy reception in Cairo.

A prosecution statement said the reception, attended by ambassadors and members of the churches throughout Africa, marked the end of the international operation Rheostat to clear the Suez Canal of mines and explosives.

Lieutenant McCurry was seen to be swaying and holding the arm of Rear-Admiral Ashraf Raffat, the Egyptian Chief of Naval Operations. When two officers tried to remove him from the reception he swore profusely for five minutes.

The defending officer said that for seven months Lieu-tenant McCurry bad worked a 12-hour day as the Maxton's only minehuning officer. He had been closed up in the operations room, where the tempera ture was often above 100°F. He even had his meals in the operations room.

He was worried about three sectarian murders near his parents' home in Northern Ireland. He also developed stomach upset. All that sapped Head dismissed

is strength. He left a United States Navy reception early and was obliged to attend the ambassador's re-

ception the next evening. Because of the sudden relaxation of pressure he had an endof term feeling, the defending officer continued. But he also went with an empty stomach. and a small quantity of gin bad an unusual effect.

More pig disease

A case of swine vesicular disease in the Dalston area of Cumbria yesterday brings the total to four in the county in

Jail break-out fails

After a break-out attempt at Hull top-security prison had been discovered during the previous night an investigation previous light an investigation began yesterday into how prisoners obtained custing tools, which were found in a recently completed cell-block.

There are about 250 high-risk prisoners in the jail; none of

Husband freed

Walter Davies, aged 60, retired garage manager, of Falmouth Avenue, Higham's Park, London, who was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court on September 16 to two years' jail for the "mercy killing" of his wife, was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Rebel teacher elected

Mr Jack Malloch, an Aberdeen mathematics teacher who fought a legal bardle for several years over his refusal to register with the General Teaching Council for Scotland, has been elected to the new council by his fellowteachers, which will take office in February.

£1m for children

Despite the economic crisis, which has cut the size of dona-tions, the Variety Club of Great Britain has been able to raise £1m this year for underprivi-leged children.

from £5,600 job

Mr Raymond Germain, aged 47, £5,600-a-year head of the 1,500-pupil Alun School, Mold, North Wales, for the past two years, was dismissed after a meeting of Clwyd County Council school's subcommittee yester-

A statement after the meeting said an inquiry had been held after an adverse report by Mr John Davies, county director of education, into Mr Germain's conduct. A member of the school staff said: "He clashed head on with administrators because of his views on education.

nt manager at the Nat- but everything was wired up ght accused of public house murder

men were remanded in y for seven days at Guild-dagistrates' Court yester-larged with murder in the attacks on public houses olivich and Guildford.

aged 17; John Joseph McGuin-remanded for seven days in his aged 20; Brian Anderson, absence.

His solicitor, Miss Jenny Styring, said afterwards that Mr Conlon had suffered from the disease for several years but a disease for several years but a erged with murder in the attacks on public houses olvich and Guildford.

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Rita McGuire, aged 39;
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sessing nitroglycerine in London 24. were accused with of the murder of Caroline, aged 18. WRAC recruit, udford, and with the murf Gunner Richard Dunne, 42, at Woolwich other people charged with urder of Miss Slater were remanded in custody for days. They were: Mrs

new infection was being investigated by prison doctors.

The last man to appear, John

Joseph Mullin, aged 22, was charged with conspiring to cause explosions in London and was also remanded in custody until Monday.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted. Security was strict at the five-minute hearing. The police blocked the street out-side the court and searched

for unlawful purposes were also remanded in custody until next

Children flock to borrow

Whitehawk suburb of Brighton, has just celebrated its first anniversary. It has about 1,200 members aged between 18 months and 19 years, and is a three-year pilot project financed by the Rowntree Trust and the Department of Health and Social Security.

Mr. John Lee, president of

as a fifth of added water "and there is nothing in the law of the land to prevent this practice". One of three methods of artificially increasing weight, by injecting polyphosate solution, added between 5 and 7 per cent to the weight of a dressed bird in a few seconds, he said. Products on the market designed to resemble "soft" margarine could contain up to half water and there were reports of a 36 to 45 per cent moisture content in loaves sold

Court dash fails Three accused were recap-ured yesterday after making e dash for freedom from North-ampton Magistrates' Court, where they had been remanded in custody for a week on theft thousand toys and has its own workshops attached where old

Women's 3-year wait Women undergraduates are to be admitted to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, "not earlier than October, 1977".

in the county.

A toy library, serving the Whitehawk suburb of Brighton,

Mr John Lee, president of the National Association of Toy Libraries and founder of the Whitehawk scheme, said that children borrowed toys for a week, but some visited the library each day. "We know there are toy

libraries for particular groups of children, but we believe that ours is the only one attached to a children's book library and is open at the same times as the book section."

age pensioners undertake any Some of the toys are given by the manufacturers, and others by children. The service

from toy library Mr Roberts said the flesh content of intensively reared poultry could contain as much as a fifth of added water " and

The library has about a

is free and the association hopes that similar libraries will be started soon.

don Magistrates' Court yessy with James Warden, 19, of King's Drive, Edgh charged with causing al bodily harm to Anthony dge at Edgware, on Decemlinister urged to call press freedom talks

ir Foot, Secretary of State Employment, has been asked nvite the National Union of rualists and the Institute of tralists to an urgent conace on press freedom and

closed shop.
he NUJ has already rejected ha conference with the inute after some NUJ members
1 "blacked" institute copy the union's dispute over procial members' pay. The copy a conference came yester-in a letter to Mr Foot from W. M. Young, president of Newspaper Society.

He asked that invitations should be sent before the Royal
Assent is given to the Trade
Union and Labour Relations
(Amendment) Bill, which would

(Amendment) Bill, which would permit closed shops.

Mr Young suggested that the conference could be chaired by Mr Foot, or Lord Feather, the former TUC general secretary, Lord Devlin, Lord Pearce, Lord Annan, Lord Denning, Lord Gardiner, or Mr F. Simmons, deputy chairman of the Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board. ing Board

institute, invitations should go

to the Newspaper Society, the to the Newspaper Society, the Guild of Newspaper Editors, and "other organizations concerned about safeguards for press freedom", Mr Young said.

He added that at such a conference it would be possible to discuss in more detail Mr Foot's

discuss in more detail Mr Foot's statement in the Commons that the Bill " will now make specific provision to enable a member ship agreement to specify another union, rather than the unions which are signatory to the agreement, to which certain ng poaro.
As well as the union and types of workers can belong.".

CHRISTMAS SHOULD BE SPENT AT HOME



IF YOU'VE GOT ONE.

This Christmas, thousands of families won't spend Christmas at home. They don't have homes. They will spend the holiday in temporary accommodation.

Some at least will be together in hostels. Others will be split up. Yet more will be in abandoned houses, caravans, even beach huts.

Homelessness is increasing. A thousand more families, most with children, face a homeless Christmas this year. Somehow they retain their togetherness and dignity. But sadly, many of them are helpless in the face of circumstances. They can do little to help themselves.

SHELTER can help, if you will.

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 167710.	Thank you for your contribution	CMS/5

Dependence on foreign | Patient was doctors increasing, health chief reports

elsewhere.

By John Roper Medical Reporter

More doctors from abroad will have to be employed in the health services if the increased annual demand remains at the per cent level of the past few years, Dr Henry Yellowlees, the chief Medical Officer, says in his annual report today. Even if there is a reversion to the pre-1970 growth rate of 2 per cent, more overseas-born

doctors would be needed every year until 1983. The report records that in 1973 the rise in the number of doctors, although lower than for 1972, was the second biggest since the National Health Ser-

Half were British-born and half from overseas. The country's reliance on doctors born overseas was proportion-

crease of British resident stu-dents from 2,600 to 4,100 by 1980 would not be felt for

another decade.
In general practice, recruitment of unrestricted principals (established NHS general pra-titioners) in 1973 was barely half that of 1972. Less than half that increase was of doc-

tors born here. On October 1, 1973, 16.5 per cent (3,509) of unrestricted principals in general practice were born overseas, 194 more than 1972. In hospital service, 9,745 of

the 28.074 doctors, other than clinical assistants, came from overseas, 725 more-Each grade showed a propor-

tionate as well as a numerical increase of overseas-born doc-tors over 1972. Health The number of doctors quali-

ately and numerically greater than ever. The full benefit of the in-

noted that greatly increased number of foreign-born doctors entering general practice in the past two years. The report records that the crude birth rate of 13.7 a thousand was the lowest recorded in peacetime. The previous lowest was 14.4 in 1933. The crude death rate fell marginally, from 12.0 a thousand in 1972 to 11.9.

tors' leaders. They will see that part of the report dealing with

overseas-born doctors as official recognition of much of what they have been claiming as part of the difficulties of the Health

ervice for some time. The British Medical Associa-

tion has expressed concern that

in many hospitals half the junior medical staff, including

those in casualty departments, are born overseas. It has also

Dr Yellowlees notes cancer of the lung, linked with smoking, has become the second common-est cause of cancer deaths among women.

(On the State of the Public Health (Stationery Office,

not told of drug-drink danger

fying from British medical schools dropped from 2,343 in 1972 to 2,289 in 1973. Seventy-A doctor's failure to tell a patient about the dangers of drinking while taking drugs turned a respectable family man into a sex attacker a judge at the Central Criminal Court said eight fewer new doctors were born in the United Kingdom, while 24 more (104) were born vesterday.

Last month the General Ramon Pietiado, aged 33, a waiter; of Achilles Road, West Medical Council announced that it was hoped to introduce formal testing next June of the linguistic and professional cap-Hampstead, who drank seven gins while on phenobarbitone tablets, pleaded guilty to attempting to cloke two gils acity of overseas-born doctors seeking temporary registration. into unconsciousness so that he could rape them. He also ad-The tests would be linked to an improved clinical attachment mitted possessing offensive weapons, a knife and a piece of mitted Dr Yellowlees's comment that further study was urgently needed is likely to annoy docwood, and causing actual bodily

herm to one of the girls.

The attacks were on Hampstead Heath in daylight, One girl was a student, aged 17, and the other a hospital worker, aged 21, who was sunbathing in a biling

aged 21, who was sunbathing in a bikini.

Mr Roger Gray, for the defence, said Mr Pietiado had been taking phenobarbitone tablets prescribed for epilepsy. On the day of the first attack he had drunk seven gius and a lager. On the day of the second he had several gins.

Judge McKinnon, QC, told Mr Pietiado that, by statute, the offences carried imprisonment for life. But it might be that Mr Pietiado was confused, having taken the phenobarbitone,

Mr Pietiado was confused, having taken the phenobarbitone,
and then gins. His medical adviser had said that that would
produce confusion of mind and
that he did not warn Mr
Pietiado of the effect that

alcohol might have.
But, the judge said, even so
Mr Pietiado must have known
he had no right to molest the
girls. He would pass a sentence
of nine months' imprisonment.

concurrent, on each charge.

Mr Pietiado pleaded not guilty to attacking and attempting to rape a woman, eged 19, in March last. The judge said those charges would lie on the file.

Technician denies making device to cause damage

A medical physics technician said yesterday that he had had no idea that timing mechanisms he had made for someone else were to be used to cause damage by explosions in Oxford. If he had known he would not have handed them over, he said. Dermot Dobson, of Wood-

stock Close, Oxford, was giving evidence on the sixth day of the Oxford Crown Court trial in which he is accused of an electrical timing device, intending to use or allow other people to use it to damage property. Mr Dobson, one of five defendants has denied the

Skelding, Trent, one of the other defendants, through a common nterest in science fiction. Mr
Skelding had asked him to
make the timing devices and
he had assumed that they were
to be used for "a grand slam
end-of-term type prank".

Mr Dobson said he did not
hear about the damage the
explosions caused until four

explosions caused until four days after they had occurred, although Mr Skelding had been in touch with him. He said he was interested in the explosive

Man describes

body in freezer

Brian Ernest Fairbairn, aged

36, a former builder, of Sparrow Farm Drive, Feltham, Middle-

sex, is pleading not guilty to murdering his wife, Denise Anne, aged 28, at their home between May 8 and 12 last year.

day that he was at home at noon

on May 9 with his wife and

asked her to run him to work a

few miles away. She refused, suggesting that he should do the vacuum cleaning and tidy the

house instead. He accused her of spending

all her time driving about in

her car and she told him: "It's

my car. I can do what I want."
By then they were both shout-

ing and swearing, and she shouted at him: "I have had

plenty of men and I will have

plenty more." That was the first time she had admitted

being unfaithful. He called her

a bitch, and she spat in his face

thing he remembered was that

they were both struggling on

the floor in the dining room

and he started choking her.

by her eyes", he said.

bakery sit-in

Merseyside.

"Then I realized she was dead

children coming home, so he

lifted the top of the freezer and put her body inside. Then

he took his wife's car and fled.

Dogs help to end

Security men with five Alsa-

tian dogs on leads yesterday ejected 17 men who had barri-caded themselves in with flour

bags at the bakery of Thomas

Scott and Sons at Netherton,

The men, who included two

He thought then about the

Mr Fairbairn said the next

and laughed.

He said in evidence yester-

hiding wife's

anisms only in so far as they worked successfully. He had never heard Mr Skelding declare any strong political

Earlier, a former Home Office explosives expert told the court that he thought it most unlikely that the devices used in the explosions at Blackfriars Dominican Priory, Ruskin College and the former Irish Club could have killed anyone.

Mr Howard Yallop said death from blast pressure was likely possessing or controlling to occur only with a pressure between January 1 and August 1 of more than 100lb a square inch. That meant that someone would have had to have had his head within two feet of the explosive devices when they

ffence.

He also discounted the risk of death occurring from the told the court yesterday of death occurring from the timing mechanism or the kelding, of Burton upon rent, one of the other detonated. missiles. Mr Yallop said the timing devices were largely intact, which meant that the explosion was not great. The batteries suffered only minor damage, which indicated that they had not struck anything

with any great force.

He did not think the description "time-bomb" was apt. The D181 maroons used in the explosions were "fire-works attached to a delayed-timing device".

Court reduces sentence on practical joker

Ronald Travers, jailed for making a booby-trap bomb, won a reduction in his prison sentence yesterday from seven years to four years.

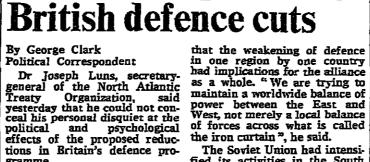
Mr Travers, aged 29, whose home-made weedkiller-and-sugar bomb injured a police sergeent at West Ham, London, in September last year, conten-ded at his trial in March that the incident was a practical

joke that went wrong.

In the Court of Appeal yesterday, Lord Justice Lawton said Mr Travers had shown no animosity to anyone and had never taken sides over events in Northern Ireland or elsethan anything else, the court agreed to reduce the sentence. Lord Justice Lawton said: "We are satisfied that the practical joking was a powerful element leading to this young man's criminal conduct."

Foreign Office minister to visit Philippines

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office responsible for Far Eastern affairs, is to visit Hongkong and the Philippines next month.



Children in St Bartholomew's Hospital greeting

Father Christmas and his cartful of presents

Dr Luns disquieted by

The Soviet Union had intensified its activities in the South Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean, and countries

Addressing journalists and MPs at a luncheon of the Parliamentary Press Gallery two hours before the opening of the bordering that ocean. "The withdrawal of a per-manent British presence from defence debate in the Com-mons, Dr Luns said that his these areas represents a significant swing of strategic advan-tage in favour of the Soviet Union," Dr Luns said. "A deci-sion by a major ally country, greatest concern was about the southern flank of Nato, includ-ing the Mediterranean, where Soviet activities were on the which still retains worldwide increase and the military posi-tion of the alliance was less interests and is a nuclear power, to reduce the scale of its defence effort is bound to have a conta-Changes in the balance of forces outside the Nato area gious effect on other countries of the alliance."

Nevertheless, all the allies knew that the United Kingdom had been spending rather more proved by the decision of the United Kingdom Government of its gross national product than most of the other countries in Europe the United Kingdom faced very serious economic problems. Although Germany spent less, that the United Kingdom had as a proportion of its gross decided to maintain unchanged product on defence, it was building up the strength of its forces so that it was now the third military power in world, after the Soviet Union and the United States.

Dr Luns argued for standardization of weapons and coopera tion in arms production. Parliamentary report, page 11

Poultry men ask for end of state aid to beef By Our Agricultural

Poultry industry leaders are to press the Government today to abolish all state aid to beef. They say that the EEC slaughter premiums and hill farm subsidies, worth thousands of pounds a month to British beef

producers, discriminate against

Correspondent

their own products, for which no equivalent aid is given. A delegation from the British Poultry Federation, led by Lord Edward FitzRoy, its chairman, is to meet Mr Bishop, Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture.

The delegation will include Mr Nevile Wallace, director-general of the federation, who said yesterday: "We deny categorically that we are anti-beef. But the effect of subsidies has been that people have been sold beef more cheaply than they should have been. We are

only anti-beef as far as beef is anti-poultry." Poultry producers say that the birds they produce are much more efficient than beef cattle as converters of cereals into protein. They are worried because demand for chickens and turkeys has not risen enough to give what they consider an adequate profit margin.

The National Farmers' Union said yesterday that it could not support a campaign that, if successful, would reduce the beef industry to the straits from which the union had rescued it by persuading the Govern-ment to invoke EEC financial

Stones hurled at motorist

A motorist hit by a stone discharged from a catapault was said yesterday to be likely to lose the sight of an eye. The man, aged 39, of Letchworth, Herifordshire, stopped to adjust his radio near Stevenage when three stones were hurled at him. Two broke windows of his car and the third hit his eye. The police said three youths were seen running away, and appealed for witnesses. The WEST EUROPE

M Chaban-Delmas to challenge M Chirac over party leadership

Paris, Dec 16

M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, the former Prime Minister and Gaullist presidential candidate last May, today made clear that he would seek to challenge M Jacques Chirac over his seizure at the weekend of the post of party secretary general while remaining Prime Minister.

The struggle between the two Gaullist politicians over the future of the Union des Demo-crates pour la République (UDR) goes back to the presidential campaign. It was M Chirac who organized the movement of a key group of 45 Gaullist deputies who opted against supporting M Chaban-Delmas and helped to clinch the victory of M Giscard d'Estaing, then leader of the Independent Republicans in a Gaullist-led coalition. In two newspaper interviews, M Chaban-Delmas calls today

on the UDR's rank and file to organize themselves at local level for the national party con-gress in February. As a pre-lude to launching a renovated Gaullist movement which is to be "democratic, open, and distinct from those in power".
In France Soir M. Chaban-Delmas openly tells his suppor-

ters to watch for "a dance of the UDR departmental secre-taries" during the next two months when, he insinuates, M Chirac will be putting his men into place in the departments in order to influence favourably the chances of his nominee for the national post in Feb-

Since M Giscard d'Estaing rewarded M Chirac with the prime ministership after the election last May, M Chaban-Delmas has been in the vanguard of efforts to remake the party's image now there is no longer

has pushed a reform of the party's internal organs, designed both to give an increased democratic influence to the lower ranks and to cultivate a potential electorate outside the

Gaullists. over of the reins.

Mr Jobert's comment today is to prophesy "more problems" in the future for the UDR under M Chirac. He emphasizes that under the Fifth Republic the trated in the same hands.

on this concentration of posts and says that it is "very dan-gerous" for the Gaullist party. A certain liberty of action could to make the concessions.

Past Gaullist prime ministers were executants of the persi-dential will and dismissed when dential will and dismissed when their aspirations grew too big for the Elysée. M Giscard d'Estaing, away in the Antilies, has confined himself to commenting that he sees "no anomaly" in a Gaullist Prime Minister being party secretary general as well.

Rut M Chirac has now pub-

M Michel Jobert, the former Foreign Minister and closest aide of President Pompidou, has been also prospecting in the same political waters in recent months. The attraction he has been acquiring among some Gaullist deputies also lies behind M Chirac's quick take-

prime ministership and the post of the UDR secretary general have never before been concen-M Chaban-Delmas, too, seizes

wield more influence over the President, he suggests, whereas with the power the President has over his Prime Minister the party itself now risks having

But M Chirac has now publicly asserted his personal authority over what is still the

biggest single party in President Giscard dE'staing's majority. them
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Communisi dilemma over motio of censure

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Dec 16

The motion of censure v by the left which the Nat Assembly will begin deb tomorrow will not reap than some 180 votes out o in the Assembly.

It will not even help to r the unity of the left, splin by weeks of persistent Co: nist attacks on the Socia suspect in the party's ey being ready to join a go ment of national union and President Giscard d'Es from the consequences o poor crisis management

The Socialists, who table motion last month, intend as a gesture of good wi wards their allies. They r to demonstrate that, if the fused the Communist sugge of joint meetings through the country, which would degenerated into public : ing matches, they did no fuse other forms or con

action.
The Communist reaction less than enthusiastic. I not by a motion of censure party said, that one could the Government a death However, they could herefuse to go along with Socialists, but niggled abort terms, insisting that the m should emphasize the solt of the common programs the left, rather than the a policy.

If the Communists persi their war of attrition at the Socialists, there wil longer be any doubt that whole strategy on gaining p has changed. This does mean that they will carry riff with the Socialists to b ing point. That would pl them back into political

case before W Berlin court

From Our Correspondent

Berlin, Dec 16 The trial of Fräulein Ingrid Brückmann, a refugee who is alleged to have confessed to killing her father in East Germany, opened in West Berlin today. Aged 18, she was smug-gled to the West by her step-father months after her father's death.

Hers has been probably the most complicated legal case in divided Germany. East Germany wants her to be handed over for trial in the East and at first a West Berlin court agreed to the demand. Last October the decision was re-voked and a change in legisla-tion made it possible for her to be tried in West Berlin. excluded from the court

Russians return rare bird after shooting

Helsinki, Dec 16.—A rare golden eagle, shot down over Leningrad, was handed to the Finnish consulate after it was found to be ringed. An official brought it back for treatment and it will be returned to Lapland.—Reuter.

E German death Baader-Meinhof suspects urged to end hunger strik From Dan van der Var

Bonn, Dec 16

Dr Gustav Heinemann, the former President of West Germany, has intervened in an attempt to persuade alleged members of the Baader-Meinhof group of terrorists to abandon their hunger strike, it was disclosed today,

In a personal letter to Frau Ulrike Meinbof, who is 39 and is said to be one of the group's leaders, Dr Heinemann, expresses his great concern that 31 alleged members of the gang are endangering their own lives. They have been on hunger strike since Sentember 13 in a strike since September 13 in a protest against the isolation in which the so-called "hard core" of the gang are being held in Stammheim prison, Stuttgart. The letter, written from

Essen last Wednesday, has been duplicated at the former President's request and distributed to all the others on hunger strike. In an exclusive report today the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung says that Dr Heinemann planned to seek permission to visit Frau Meinhof at Stamm-

heim, but he has since denied this.

The former President assumes in his letter that if Frau Mein-hol were to abandon her pro-

suit. He told the West Gern a news agency DPA today that support of the efforts of o to bring an end to the stri Dr Heinemann, a deeply gious member of the Eval cal Church, for which he is

working, adopts what is a a fatherly tone in his lette He begins by reminding Meinhof that many years she retained his services lawyer in a civil action. L most courteous phraseolog Heinemann warns her of danger to life caused by hunger strike, a misguided

of protest.
"If you intend to un political effects to your outside the prison by sacrif

I have followed your c with attention since that which I mention at the b ning. Believe me when I : am concerned in this l about you yourself and the of your friends. Do you w stand me?"

A Stuttgart court is to in gate the conditions in which

four "hard core" member the Baader-Meinhof group being kept at Stammhein

Unemployment spectre at social affairs conference

From Our Own Correspondent Regular EEC consultations

between employers and trade unions from the industries badly hit by the economic crisis could make a vital contribution in working out remedial action, Dr Patrick Hillery, the European Commis-sioner for social affairs, said

There were hopes that workers in such ailing sectors as the motor, chemical, and construction industries might receive special benefits from the Community's social fund, he added.

Dr Hillery was addressing the long-awaited and often post-poned tripartite social affairs conference, which is being attended in Brussels by representatives of EEC member governments, trade unions and employers' organizations.

The conference, entitled "Prospects of a European social policy", was due to have taken place some 18 months ago, but was postponed after an argument over trade union participation. The Community's biggest thing else.

union organization, the European Trade Unions' Confederation, refused to attend if a number of small, white-collar unions were also present. This dispute has since been shelved.
Dr Hillery said the social climate of the Community has changed dramatically since the conference was first arranged.
"The work of establishing a just and better future for the Community has become increasingly overshadowed by the worsening economic recession and the consequent rising unemployment", he said.

The level of unemployment in West Germany had now reached 800,000, well over double that of a year ago and in Denmark it had risen to 67,000. four and a half times higher than last year. In most other countries it had increased by more than a third. Equally, the number of vacancies for new jobs had fallen by a third or a half compared with a year ago. Herr Heinz Vetter, secretary-

general of the European Confederation, said that the safeguarding of jobs must have absolute priority over every-

Chancellor lead discussion on city's future From Our Correspondent

Berlin, Dec 16 A high-level conference held in West Berlin today to cuss long-term plans for city's economic and social lopment.

Herr Helmut Schmidt, Federal Chancellor. Federal Chancellor, presided, said there was need for spectacular ur measures as West Ber economy was flourishing be than that of West Germany

the world in general.
The delegates, who resented West German indubanking and trade unions, the city's Government and I nessmen, discussed investm research and the shortage skilled labour. They agreed the city had to stay ahear make up for the disadvan of its geographical location.

Correction

Dr Otto von Habsburg lives Bavaria, not Switzerland as st on December 10. He was admitted to travel freely in Aus in 1366, on giving up his titles claim to the throne, so it wrong to describe him as a " in waiting ".

Dr Soares reelected party chief

Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, has been reelected secretary general of the Socialist Party on the last

weekend, the congress approved the secretary-general's report and, with slight alterations, the party's programme, declaration of principles and statutes.
This was the first Socialist

Party. Before the military coup of April 25 this year political parties were banned in Portu-

This congress of some 900 Socialists.

delegates from all over the With the approach of the country proved a lively affair. March elections for delegates

front to the world, it is a party of many currents.

standing militant Socialist who represents its more revolution-

ried through a motion to the effect that 20 members of the Socialist youth movement should be on the national conmittee of the party. The youth movement is holding its own congress early next year.

obviously still holds the confidence of the large majority of

There does not, however, so to be any possibility of duties of the Foreign Minidiminishing in view of Pe gal's many internatio problems Nevertheless, Dr Soares c

tinues to deny firmly rumours that he is on the of leaving his ministerial to dedicate himself to the parwhich is in the Government One of the points in party's declaration of princip which it was decided not alter, is that which repudic "the path of those moveme which call themselves so damocratic or even socialist. I which merely conserve d berately the structures capitalism and serve the terests of imperialism gosted amendments were re-

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shop stewards, were protesting at having to work with nonlocal authorities in steel and union bakers who worked durcoal communities are fully ing the recent strike. Mr Peter aware of these attractive terms. Scott, the managing director, said the protesters had been There is money available, but المكذا من الأصل

George Medal for fireman who risked life By a Staff Reporter

1 per cent home loans for

miners and steelworkers

A fireman who risked his life to save three people from a fire in a Devon guest-house has been awarded the George A man told a Central Criminal Medal, it is announced today. Court hearing yesterday that after a struggle with his wife during which he killed her he Leading Fireman John Colley, of Devon Fire Brigade, "played a vital role in the rescue of two persons and was solely responsible for saving a put her body in the deep freeze so that their children would not find it.

third at great risk to his own life", the citation says.

Major Arthur Hogben, stationed at Rochester, Kent, receives the Queen's Gallantry Medal for defusing a 2,200lb in Plaistow, east London, last

The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air is awarded to Flight Lieutenant Nigel James Day, aged 25. He was serving on his first oerational tour with 45 Squadron at RAF Wittering, near Peterborough, when his Hunter developed a fuel leak over the North Sea during gales with North Sea during gales with low cloud when he made a superbly judged landing at RAF Leconfield, Yorkshire, it was

The cheapest home loans in

Britain are on offer to Britain's

coalminers and steelworkers.

About £2m will be earmarked

next year at an interest rate

of only 1 per cent by the EEC

Details were given yesterday

at a meeting in Middlesbrough

sponsored by the Commission.

A worker can seek a loan

through his trade union or

housing association. Repayment

The Commission will finance

a fifth of the cost of new hous-

ing and 30 per cent of the cost

of modernization schemes, sub-

mitted by local authorities or

housing associations for coal

Minister, said: "I do not think

Dr Otto Hahn, an assistant to

EEC Economic Affairs

can be up to 25 years.

and steel workers.

Commission.

found that the engine had PCs John Young, of the Metro-seized and he had fuel for only politan Police, John Whitbread, a minute and a half's flying. Flight Lieutenant Day, married, of Georgeham, Devon, is serving at RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire. At Cranwell he

The Queen's Gallantry Medal is awarded to Police Constables Godfrey Chaffey, Barry Gage and Alan Pointer of the Metropolitan Police, who after a robbery at a restaurant, chased a stolen vehicle while under fire. The medal also goes to PCs Colin Dawe and Howard Stevens of Leicestershire Constabulary, for their action during a fight involving Hell's Angels armed with hammers, motor cycle chains, bottles and knives. PCs Frank Humm and Gordon

won trophies as the best aero-batic pilot, for highest marks in final flying-wing ground school examinations, and as the best student in flying skills.

Usher, of the Metropolitan Police, receive the medal for bravery when faced by a man with a carving knife.
Other gallantry medals go to

Department of Industry and

Department of Environment officials attended the meeting.

with representatives from the North-east coal and steel in-

The coal board owns nearly

100,000 houses in Britain and

the British Steel Corporation

about 1,500. The housing funds

come from the levy the indus-

Mr Michael Lloyd, the Com-

mission's trade union liaison

officer in London, said: "We

are considering setting up

regional committees to put for-

ward schemes for these loans."

Rival leftist student

groups in Tokyo clash

Tokyo, Dec 16.-Left-wing

student extremists cut telephone

lines to a district of Tokyo, then

attacked a rival Marxist group

bats and axes

tries pay to the EEC.

an inspector in the South Australian Police, Mr William an inspector in the South Australian Police, Mr William Hamill, a messenger in Northern Ireland, and PCs William McBrien, Ernest Madill, Noel McCabe, and Laurence Tester, all of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, for gallantry in Northern Ireland.

By George Clark

than perfect.

Political Correspondent

Dr Joseph Luns, secretary-

general of the North Atlantic

might hold even greater dangers for the peace of the

world and the security of Nato.

That situation had not been im-

moraw rorces progre

But of course he was relieved

the strength of the land and air

forces deployed in the vital

central sector on the Continent.

It was the standing forces, de-ployed in the forward areas,

that provided the first line of

Nato defence and contributed

Referring to his disquiet about cuts in other areas, Dr Luns said

much to the deterrent.

from those other areas.

Paul Partington and Lindsay Lockhart, both aged 16, receive the Oueen's Commendation. They risked their lives when they realized that a bomb was to explode in a crowded ling in Northern Ireland. They ran in to raise the alarm and everyone inside escaped the

The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct is also awarded to Lance Corporal of Horse Stephen Hague and Trooper Gary Mawhinney, aged 17, from Liverpool, of The Blues and Royals, who led horses to safety from blazing stables in July despite warnings that the build-ing was about to collapse.

to sell

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal has decided to sell his

servative government. In a statement issued on their behalf, Lord and Lady Strath-cona said: "Unfortunately, the pressures of political, business and family activities have made visits to the island by the family increasingly difficult and less frequent. Lord Strathcona does not intend to sever his family's long connection his family's long connexion with Scotland, and hopes in due

mainland." Lord and Lady Strathcona have written to every house-holder on the islands to explain their decision.

Lord Strathcona Scottish estate

family seat in Scotland, his Scottish solicitors announced vesterday. Colonsay Estate, which extends to about 13,000 acres and includes the islands of Colonsay and Oronsay off the coast of Argyll, has been in the family for four Lord Strathcona, aged 51

was Under-Secretary of State for the RAF in the last Concourse to find a house on the

motorist's name is being with-held.

From Jose Shercliff election of officers, showed that activities of all political par although it presents a united and their leaders will incre-

Lisbon, Dec 16

day of the party congress in Lisbon. Dr António Macedo was also reelected president. After a two-day debate this

Party congress to meet legally and followed congresses of the Communists, the Portuguese Democratic Movement and the eft-centre Popular Democratic

Dr Soares was reelected by a 63 to 37 per cent vote of the delegates. His opponent was Senhor Manuel Serra, an out-

ary current. The progressive element won at least one victory, for it car-

Although his time must be largely devoted to his duties as Foreign Minister, Dr Soares

Vorster plan agreed at Lusaka will probably give Rhodesia majority rule after five years

disbury, Dec 16 The basis of the proposed nodesian constitutional conrence agreed upon in Lusaka that majority rule will cerinly be reached after the life one post-conference Parlia-

Meanwhile, there would be e interim Parliament elected a qualified franchise which nuld give the vote to all secondary education and one year index with seven year, and one year, a dramen transfer which

This is the substance of the oposal put forward by Mr ester, the South African inster, the South African ime Minister; agreed on by esident Kaunda of Zambia; deventually and reluctantly repted by Rhodesia's black d white leaders, according to ormed sources here.

It indicates a startling display realism on the part of the uth African Prime Minister recognizing the inevitability majority rule in Rhodesia hin what in all probability uld be a five-year period.

Mr Vorster persuaded Mr uth, the Rhodesian Prime nister that this was the best i most realistic negotiating atton from which he could sect to start, while President unda exerted similar influe over the leaders of the divided African nationalist rements. However, the influence of the influ vements. However, the influe of the South African and abian leaders is inevitably akened now that the two odesian sides are wrestling hithe details of the situation

eement is that it is open to lely divergent interpretations. felt able to accept it, ording to the informed res, because they estimated t between 150,000 and ,000 Africans will qualify by cation standards to vote for interim Parliament. As interim Parliament are living in re are only 84,490 white Salisbury and, to a lesser extent,

alisbury, Dec 16.—A restrictorder on Mr Garfield Todd,

nister, has not been lifted in e of Mr Smith's pledge to

ase all detainees and restric-

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Irs Todd said her husband

asked police to clarify his ition in the light of Mr

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Ar Todd was restricted to farm in the Shabani area

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Wr and Mrs Todd returned m a two-week holiday to

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intry on "humanitarian mnds". Mrs Todd said to-y that she objected to Mr

ith's recent assertion that all

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after the Government

former Rhodesian Prime

This would seem to be where the confusion arose which led to the apparent failure 10 days ago of the talks in Lusaka. Mr Smith's Government does not expect the interim Parliament to be dominated by Africans will be more ligible to vote, will remain dominated by whites.

The ruling Rhodesian Front party already overwhelms its more liberal opponents by its This would seem to be where expect the interim Parliament to be dominated by Africans. Indeed, it seemed today that Indeed, it seemed today that the Africans may be optimistic in assuming that the proposed franchise qualifications will give them between 150,000 and 300,000 votes. Official statistics indicate that from 1952 to 1968 a total of only 56,000 pupils enrolled for the first year of secondary education. Before that the number was proficible

that the number was negligible. At present there are some 7,000 Africans eligible to vote, many of whom will be among the 56,000 who reached first-year secondary school, so it might be that Africans would not reach paging with Europeans not reach parity with Europeans in the first post-conference

There are clearly grounds for considerable manoeuvring at the proposed constitutional conference. The major issue will be electoral representation. At present the Rhodesian Parliament has 66 seats, 50 of which are elected by white voters and 16 by Africans. The Africans are insistent on a common vote.

The expectations of my sources are that the Parliament might be enlarged up to 100 seats. The conference will have to resolve the delicate issue of delimitation. Mr Smith's Govisolation.

ernment will be determined
he strength of the Lusaka that whites should retain control for as long as possible of a majority of seats, while the he Rhodesian African lead- Africans will be equally determined that they should win immediate majority control. It is safe to assume that the vast majority of Africans with the necessary educational

qualifications to vote for the

Meanwhile, there were hints

from Government sources that detained African nationalist

supporters are already being released to join their leaders, who were freed last week.

A Salisbury magistrate today sentenced 12 Africans to prison

terms ranging from two to three years each for having failed to

report the presence of guerrillas in their areas. All of

them pleaded guilty.

The magistrate, Mr K. H.

Arrell, ordered that the names

of the 11 labourers and one

kraal head concerned were not

to be published and forbade

disclosure of any details of the

between February, 1973, and September, 1974. — Agence

Todd's daughter, Mrs Judith Acton, who has lived in England since July, 1972, said yesterday:

"I telephoned my mother today at about 4.15 pm, and my father was still under house arrest then.

"A report that he was having medical treatment in hospital was not true. We first heard that detainees might be freed

last Wednesday, and I tele-phoned my parents on Friday, but he was still detained. Today

I was disappointed again when

Symon writes:

France-Presse and Reuter.

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voters, this, in their eyes, should enable them to achieve the immediate parliamentary majority they are seeking.

in the other urban areas. The rural constituencies, which are likely to incorporate large tracts of the African tribal trust lands

commanding strength in rural areas. Thus the delimitation of new electors! constituencies will be a vital matter at the conference, which is expected to be staged early in the new year.

There will also be an intensive search by both sides for safeguards. The Africans will need some reassurance that the rapid process to majority rule will not be sabotaged, while whites will require safeguards for their minority rights, including some measure to ensure that there will be no retroactive changes in the agreed consti-An interim Parliament, with an electorate restricted to those

with seven years' primary and one year's secondary education, would enable Mr Smith to argue to his supporters that he had "maintained civilized standards", as he has promised.

It is perhaps significant that in an interview broadcast here in an interview broadcast here yesterday he said he believed in majority rule on the basis of qualified franchise, but not in the "counting of heads, like the counting of sheep". Africans are interpreting these words as a welcome change of stance by the Prime Minister. In the coming weeks Mr Smith is likely to take further cautious steps to prepare white cautious steps to prepare white Rhodesians for the prospect of

Rnodesians for the prospect or majority rule.

The question of when Rhodesia's independence might be declared legal, should the constitutional conference prove successful, remains confused. The all-important matter will be the lifting of saperious and in the lifting of sanctions, and it might be that this could be instigated during the life of the proposed interim Parliament.

UN Assembly

urges sanctions

New York, Dec 16.-The

Nations

Assembly today approved a series of resolutions demanding

sanctions against South Africa for its apartheid policies.

The first resolution asked the Security Council to consider taking action to stop "the supply of any arms, ammunition, military vehicles, spare parts thereof and any other military equipment whatsoever to South Africa as well as any military

Africa, as well as any military cooperation with South Africa.".

The second resolution called on South Africa to allow public

dissent on apartheid policies

and to grant "unconditional amnesty to all persons im-

prisoned or restricted for their

opposition to apartheid". The third resolution autho-

rized the United Nations special

committee on apartheid to increase aid to South African

liberation movements and to mount international anti-

One of the campaigns would be to end "collaboration by banks, national and trans-national companies with the South African regime and com-

panies registered in South

Another would ask govern-

ments to end emigration of their nationals to South Africa, as

well as end "all cultural, educational, scientific, sporting racist regime".

and other contacts with the Another resolution asked the

United Nations Secretary-General to "take steps, as appropriate, to deny all facili-

ties to, and cooperation with, companies and organizations

which assist the South African regime or South African com-panies with loans, technical assistance or other means."

apartheid campaigns.

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* Kenny Free ... Jungle ordeal: Herbert Zehnder, aged 11 (left) and his brother Carlos, aged eight, are embraced by their father in La Merced, Peru, at the end of a week's journey through the jungle after an air crash

With seven other children-brothers and cousins they were flying on December 7 to San Juan for Christmas, with their 24-year-old cousin Oscar as pilot. When the aircraft crashed, one six-year-old boy died instantly and another, aged they are the six-year-old boy died instantly and another, aged they are the six-year-old boy died instantly and another, aged they are the six-year-old boy died instantly and another, aged they are the six-year-old boy died instantly and another, aged they are the are they are the are they are they are they are 14, died soon afterwards. Gladys Zehnder, at 15.

the oldest of the children, led the party through the jungle; she and Oscar took turns to carry their wounded sister Ketty, aged 10, but she died two hours before they were all rescued On the march to the river, using a single machete to back through the vegetation, they ate biscuits, chocolates and fruit and the boys played a marimba to keep wild animals away. After two days' walking, they arrived back at the plane and had to start again, bitten by

by a peasant boatman on the Palcazu river.

Reformist government in Peru turns tough

From Our Correspondent

Lima, Dec 16

Peru's military government for long has had the reputation of being one of the most peaceful in Latin America. There are now signs that it is becoming tough.

Four members of the Lima Bar Association have been sen-tenced to a year's imprisonment for "injuring the reputa-tion of the Government" and for "spreading irreparable prejudices about the national

They had published a report which questioned the constitu-tionality of contracts signed earlier this year with Japanese companies for a \$330m (£143m) loan to finance the North Trans-Andean Oil Pipeline. The con-tracts were also discussed by local magazines—the Peruvian Times, an English-language weekly, and two conservative

Spanish publications, Oiga and Opinion Libre. All three were promptly closed for their speculation. One lawyer said: "It is inherent in this kind of government to react toughly to this matters whether you are on the right or the left. If you criticize the Government now you are sanctioned for being a counter-

There has never been institutionalized repression in Peru, as there is in Brazil, Uruguay, or Chile since September, 1973. but the Peruvian administration has always been authoritarian. It took power in October, 1968, after ousting the civilian President, Dr Fernando Belaunde Terry, from the Palace. At the time it looked like another typical right-wing Latin

American coup.

But because of its economic policies and friendship with Russia and Cuba, the regime was soon described as left wing. The civilian right saw its power eroded by extensive agrarian reform, nationalization and com-munity ownership in industry. The last straw for this group was the nationalization of the was the handbarrants of the country's main newspapers in July. It was deprived of an outlet to express its opposition, and

the move marked a change for the regime. Since then there has been a

wave of terrorist violence in Peru. More than 40 bombs have exploded in various government offices as well as near both the Russian and Cuban embassies. From leaflets discovered in some of the buildings the sabotage appears to be the work of two extremist groups—Mano (Movi-miento Armado Nacionalista Organizado) which has also operated in Brazil and Guate-mala, and the Movement of Civic Resistance, a local offshoot of the more notorious Tradition, Family and Property, which was active in Chile before the down-

fall of Dr Allende. When the press law was first introduced many observers considered it an interesting experiment. The underlying aim was to transfer the ownership of all the main papers to representative sectors of the population after a one-year transitional

Now that newspapers and most weeklies have been affected by the press law, many expect news agencies to be the next target. The new tough line by the

Government, like the violence, is unprecedented in the six years of what has up to now erally been considered a bene-volent military dictatorship. But over the past year the Government has been under considerable strain.

Since the coup in Chile last year Peru has been isolated in South America and is now the only country left outside Cuba with a record of structural reform. It is surrounded by countries whose governments, if not actually hostile, are ideologically opposed to what is taking place in Peru.

At home, until 1976 or 1977 when the oil from the eastern jungle fields is exported in large quantities, economists agree it will be difficult for the Government to fulfil the many promises of increased participation it has made to peasants, workers and Indians.
Meanwhile, in attempts to
contain the situation, the contradictions between military

rule and a revolutionary platform grow more acute.

speaks of terrorism in **Argentina**

anti-subversion law, which carries with it jail sentences for journalists of up to five years for naming the two extremist guerrilla groups, the Marxist ERP and the AAA, who are terrorizing the lives of ordinary people.

Bolivian journalists for foreign newsworking papers in Argentina were both hreatened and they, too, have

left the country. The Argentine Government was not responsible for what happened to me or for the many other acts of intimidation carried out by the AAA. It is up to them, however, to control the movement of these somewhat ignorant and ideologically naive paid assassins.
There will be no press freedom in Argentina and no foreign journalists will be able to report objectively so long as this type of intimidation goes on under the Government's

The many posters spread across Buenos Aires by the right-wing Peronist magazine Caudillo stating that another year of castigating Marxists, liberals, socialists and infiltrators is over does little to bring credit to a government for which most journalists have It seems the nightmare of most governments of being criticized on both the left and the right is now the case which most journalists have shown sympathy in the hope that it represented, and would continue to represent, a democracy.

'Times' man

Continued from page 1

But foreign journalists are

supposedly free to report on the political situation. However, they, too, are living under the open intimidation of the AAA. It is reported to be a para-police organization and has been responsible for the murder of many socialist figures and a small exodus of foreign journalists.
The correspondent of Le

Monde was threatened in-directly by the AAA six weeks ago and has since left Argen-tina. Another British freelauce journalist also fled after receiving a message through friends of a possible death

Mr Rabin says Cairo upsetting peace hopes taken against countries which

Mr Rabin, Prime Minister, said tonight that Egypt's call this weekend for limits on Jewish immigration to Israel could disturb the prospects of a Middle East

Addressing some 300 poets, Addressing some 300 poets, essayists and novelists at the thirty-ninth PEN congress in Jerusalem, he derided the peace terms put forward by Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister. "Nothing can possibly dissuade Israel from its historic human mission of patients!" he of national ingathering", he declared. "For this Israel was reborn. It is the lifeblood of our homecoming nation. It is what Israel is all about."

Mr Rabin said that the open-ing of the convention in Jerusalem at this time was par-ticularly significant. He recalled the decision in Paris by the conference of Unesco to with draw assistance from Israel and bar her from regional bodies.

He told the writers: "An Orwellian thought comes to mind. He spoke of a non-person. We are told we are a non-nation. This is the grotesque of what happened at Unesco when Israel's representation was barred and silenced."

Mr Saul Bellow, the American novelist, was among the participants. At a press conference in Jerusalem earlier today he attacked the Unesco decision, which he described as "extremely stupid, ignorant, partisan, unworthy of a world cultural organization which is supposed to transcend national interest", together with the comment: "I think they were

a lot of swine." Eric Marsden writes from Jerusalem: Israel is courting the risk of formal expulsion by Unesco as a result of its decision to suspend its membership payments of about £11,000 every two years. When the move was an-nounced yesterday the Foreign Minister, Mr Yigal Allon, emphasized that Israel was not leaving Unesco but was with-holding its dues as a reaction to the Unesco general conference's "anti-Israel and pro-

PLO" resolutions in November. According to official sources here, however, the procedural rules of Unesco provide for the expulsion of a country which announces that it does not intend to pay its membership dues, cil held in though no action is usually end.—UPI.

simply do not bother to pay them. The Arab and African states, which command a majority on the Unesco council are expected to seize on the Israel decision to demand expulsion.

This would not cause great heartache here, as the Unesco conference decisions have proconterence decisions have provoked an outburst of indignation. Although the Government is officially pressing for the rescinding of the resolutions, which instructed the Unesco directorgeneral to withhold assistance from Israel in the fields of education and science and culture because of its archaeological expansions in the old city of excavations in the old city of Jerusalem, it is realized that this is a forlorn hope. Instead the Israelis are voluntarily cutting their links with Unesco and seeking the support of inter-national scientists, educationalists and artists in condemnation

of the resolutions. Last week the Israel Unesco committee unanimously resolved to end all cooperation with Unesco until the abrogation of the resolutions, which it described as baseless and discrimi-natory. It called on all Israel institutions to follow suit and urged men of science, art and culture in the civilized world to

join the protest.
Wide publicity has been given
to a statement by Lord Goodman, a former chairman of the
British Unesco committee, that the resolutions abused the purposes for which Unesco was established.

Edward Mortimer writes: Mr Arnold Wesker, the British playwright, has refused to join the interpretable committee for

the international committee for the proposed Thearre Olympia because of the anti-Israel reso-lutions passed at Unesco.

In a letter to M Jean Darcante, secretary general of the International Theatre Institute (an organ of Unesco), Mr Wesker describes the resolu-tions as "just the kind of irresponsible committee-politicking which I was worried would afflict our committee and which I have neither the wit to combat nor the patience to bear ".

Peace with Jordan: The central council of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has decided to end all cam-paigns against Jordan and to attend a summit meeting with Egypt, Syria and Jordan, Palestinian sources said in Amman. Both decisions were taken dur-ing the session which the council held in Damascus this week-

Iran accused by Iraq of shooting down aircraft

From Paul Martin Beirut, Dec 16

The danger of the Kurdish war developing into a wider conflict was emphasized today when Iraq accused Iran of shooting
down two of its fighterhomber. The Irania mid-Lragis s incident, which occurred astride the border that separates the two Persian Gulf rivals, was a dangerous provocation and intervention Iran has given the Kurdish

rebels their main material and moral support in the fight against the Baathist regime in Baghdad. Iranian arms have been ferried across the mounainous border into Kurdishheld Iraq to support the rebel-lion. Indeed, the Iranians have made no secret of their encouragement for the Kurds.

According to Baghdad radio, the two Iraq aircraft were brought down by Iranian

ground-to-air missiles in the Surdish populated region of north Iraq. It said the aircraft were flying at a high altitude

when they were brought down "while in Iraq air space".

heen waging a relentless war from the air against Kurdish positions, coming increasingly close to the border with Iran. There have been reports of ar-tillery clashes between Iraq and Iranian troops across the bor-der, but this is the first involving air activity.

The two countries have been at loggerheads for some years on ideological grounds. The last time they came face to face militarily mas in 1959 over the question of navigational rights in the Shatt el Arab waterway, which they share at the extreme north of the Persian Gulf. This has been followed by many bor-

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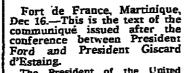
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Text of communiqué after Martinique summit



d'Estaing.

The President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, and the President of the French Republic, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, met in Martimique December 14-16, 1974, to discuss current issues of mutual concern. They were joined in their discussions by the Secretary of State and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Henry A. Kissinger and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jean Sauvagnargues, and by Secretary of the Treasury, William Simon and Minister of Finance, Jean-Pierre Fourcade. The Ministers also held complementary side tulks.

The meeting took place in an

rourcage. The minister also here complementary side talks.

The meeting took place in an atmosphere of cordiality and mynual confidence. President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing welcomed the opportunity to conduct detailed substantive discussions on the whole range of subjects of mutual concern. As traditional friends and allies, the two nations share common values and goals and the two Presidents expressed their determination to cooperate on this basis in efforts to solve common problems.

They reviewed the international situation in the economic, financial and monetary fields.

The two Presidents agreed that

and monetary fields.

The two Presidents agreed that the Governments of the United States and of the European Community, in the name of which the French President spoke on this subject, must adopt consistent economic policies in order to be effective in avoiding unemployment while fighting inflation. In particular, they agreed on the importance of avoiding measures of a protectionist nature. And they decided to take the initiative in calling additional inter-governmental meetings should they prove necessary for achievement of the neossary for achievement of the desired consistency of basic economic policies among industrial

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In the light of the rapid pace of change in international financial positions in the world today, the Presidents were in full agreement on the desirability of maintaining the momentum of consideration of closer financial cooperation both within the International Monetary Fund and through supplementary measures. As one specific measure to strengthen the existing financial framework, the Presidents agreed that it would be appropriate for any government which wished to do so to adopt current market prices as the basis of valuation for its gold holdings.

The two Presidents considered in depth the energy problem and its serious and disturbing effects on the world economy. They recognized the importance for the United States, the EEC (European Economic Community) and other industrialized nations for implementing policies for the conservation of energy, and the setting up of new mechanisms of financial solidarity. They stressed the importance of solidarity among oil importing nations on these issues.

The two Presidents also exchanged views on the desirability

nations on these issues.

The two Presidents also exchanged views on the desirability of a dialogue between consumers and producers and in that connexion discussed the proposal of the President of the French Republic of October 23 for a conference of oil exporting and importing countries. They agreed that it would be destrable to convene such a meeting at the earliest possible a meeting at the earliest possible date. They regard it as important that all partles concerned should be better informed of their respecthe better informed of their respec-tive interests and concerns and that harmonious relations should be established among them in order to promote a healthy deve-lopment of the world economy. The two Presidents noted that their views on these matters are complementary and in this concomplementary and, in this con-text, they agreed that the follow-

and agreements to which they are a party, and in consultation with other interested consumers, to strengthen their cooperation. In particular, such cooperation should include a programme of such as

particular, such cooperation should include programmes of energy conservation, for the development of existing and alternative sources of energy and for financial solidarity.

Based on substantial progress in the foregoing areas, the two Presidents agreed that it will be desirable to propose holding a preparatory meeting between consumers and producers to develop an agenda and procedures for a consumer-producer conference. The target date for such a preparatory meeting should be March, 1975. tory meeting should be March, 1975.

The preparatory discussions will be followed by intensive consultations among consumer countries in

order to prepare positions for the the two Presidents agreed that the actions enumerated above will be carried out in the most expeditious manner possible and in full awareness of the common interest in meeting this critical situation shared by the United States and France and all other countries involved.

President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing reviewed current developments in East-West relations. They discussed their respective meetings with General Secretary Brezhnev (of the Soviet Union), and Secretary Kissinger reported on his discussions with leaders of the People's Republic of China. They exchanged views

leaders of the Péople's Republic of China. They exchanged views on developments in East-West negotiations, including the conterence on security and cooperation in Europe. They expressed their conviction that progress in easing tensions was being made. The two Presidents exchanged them on the present situation in ciews on the present situation in the Middle East. They agreed on the importance of early progress

ing interrelated steps should be taken in sequence: in that area. President Giscard d'Estaing described current efforts by France and other members of the Euro-They agreed that additional steps should be taken, within the framework of existing institutions pean Community to further the

process of European unity. President Ford reaffirmed the continuing support of the United States for efforts to achieve European The two Presidents discussed the

situation in Indo-China. They noted that progress in Laos toward recon-ciliation and reunification was

ciliation and reunification was encouraging.

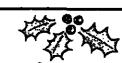
The two Presidents agreed on the need for all parties to support fully the Paris peace agreements on Vietnam. Regarding Cambodia, they expressed the hope that the contending parties would enter into negotiations in the near future rather than continuing the military struggle. They expressed the hope that following Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam might also find their political way towards civil peace.

The two Presidents renewed the The two Presidents renewed the

pledges of both Governments to continue close relations in the field of defence as members of the Adaptic Alliance. They agreed that the cooperation between France and Nato is a significant factor in the security of Europe.

They noted with satisfaction that the positive steps in negotiations on Salt (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty) taken during the Sowiet-American meeting at Vladivostok have reduced the threat of nuclear materials and technology their two Countries could coordinate two countries could coordinate their efforts to assure improved safeguards of nuclear material. The President of France indicated that his Government was prepared to reach a financial settlement in connexion with the relocation of American forces and bases committed to Nato from France to other countries in 1967. The French offer of \$100m in full sections offer of \$100m in full settlement was formally accepted by President

The two Presidents concluded that the personal contact and discussion in this meeting had demontoward a just and lasting peace and expressed their determination to maintain close connect for the purpose of broad cooperation in areas of common concern to the two countries.—AP.



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A group released from detention under military law in the Philippines take an oath of allegiance to the Government. President Marcos has ordered the release of more than 1.000 prisoners.

New Mao quotation foreshadows end of Cultural Revolution era

From David Bonavia

Peking, Dec 16 Chairman Mao Tse-tung has declared that it is time for China to "settle down" after the Cultural Revolution which was initiated some eight years ended. ago, usually reliable sources

say in Peking.
A new saying attributed to
the Chairman has been sighted
in public places outside Peking, calling for unity in the party and the armed forces. A Chinese official is reported to have con-firmed the authenticity of the

The text, as reported, is as blows: "The Cultural Revolution has been going on for eight years. It is time to settle down. The entire party and Army should unite."

The reports of a new instruction by the Chairman coincide with mounting speculation about economic and administrarive difficulties. The National People's Congress, widely fore-cast by officials for the near future, is now said to have been postponed at least until next

Unconfirmed reports have told of disruption in public transport in southern China and of coal shortages in the north. Rumour has played on an alleged protest by senior military commanders about the treatment they have received in the past two years' campaign to

From Our Correspondent

either country.

Bangkok, Dec 16

A 10-man trade delegation
has left Bangkok on the first
leg of a journey to Peking and
Pyongyang, the capital of
North Korea. The Thai mission
is the most senior yet to visit

It comes after the National

Assembly earlier this month repealed a decree which for 15 years made any contact between Thailand and China ille-

gal.

The leader of the delegation,

Mr Prasong Sukhum, the Deputy Minister of Commerce, said that Thailand hoped to in-

terest the Chinese in selling oil, machinery, medical pro-ducts and newsprint in return

The Cultural Revolution got under way in 1966 and was wound down gradually after it had run its course for a year or two. However it has never been officially declared to have

The leadership's doctrine confirmed at the tenth party congress last year, has empha-sized that similar upheavals may be necessary every eight years or so. The campaign against Confucius and Marshal Lin has been represented as only the latest stage in a continuing programme of reform.

The present instruction—attributed to Chairman Mao would seem to indicate a re-thinking of the theory behind the idea of regular upheavals similar to the Cultural Revolution. Many factors appear to be involved in this.

For one thing China seems to be seeking a more central position in its dispute with Russia and America, after a period of some three years during which it has tended to lean strongly towards the latter.

The economic decline in Western countries has probably been a factor in this shift, as well as a growing conviction in China that the Soviet Union will not dare to attack it in the near future.

On the economic front, harvests have not come up to repudiate the late Marshal Lin
Piao.

Economic problems, or at least a shortage of foreign currency, seem to be confirmed by the sudden drop in Chipa's the leadership gives the impress.

Mr Yang Cheng-Wu, a senior commander who was rehabilitated last summer after a six-year period of disgrace, is expected foreign rechnology. However to receive a senior appointment to receive a senior appointment. ny the sudden drop in China's the leadership gives the impression, possibly as Defence Minister or imported equipment sion of being fairly confident reported by many Western and about China's long-term economic armed forces.

clude the setting up of a Thai state trading organization, which will handle all Thai trade with China, thus eliminating the Chinese merchants

Mr Anand Panyarachun, the Thai Ambassador to the United

States, is accompanying the

With the general election to be held in Thailand late next month, no firm moves will be

made regarding the opening of

diplomatic relations with China. Taiwan maintains the second largest embassy in Thailand after the United States, and observers consider

there will be strong pressure on any new Government not to open diplomatic relations with China.

in Singapore and Hongkong.

accused in Morosi mic prospects as a result of the policy of self-reliance in agriculture and basic industries. The most important single factor seems to be the growing difficulty of involving the masses of the people emotionally in political campaigns.

These have become more con-fusing as they have discredited

more former leaders and have sought to justify this process

by abstruse historical reason

At the same time Peking has

had to strike a delicate balance between the reestablishment of

civilian control in the provinces

and the alienation of senior re-

It is reliably reported that

Nanking military region.

A report from Tsinan, the capital of Shantung province and the centre of another mili-

shuffle of eight regional com-

manders nearly a year ago, most of whom lost their civilian ad-

ministrative positions in the

Zaire leader

pays second

Peking, Dec 16

Visit to Peking
From Our Own Correspondent

President Mobutu of Zaire

arrived in Peking today in a DC10 jet, believed to be the

biggest aircraft ever to land in

travelled from North Korea

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at Peking airport showed signs

of having been hastily modi-

fied to fit the huge jet which

landed against the original

advice of the Chinese civil avi-

he ignored a number of political sensitivities with his eccentric public statements and behaviour.

with a large entourage.

ation authorities.

From Our Correspondent

Members of the federal executive of the Australian Labour Party, who have just concluded a three-day meeting in Canberra, are incensed at the way in which they allege the

tary region, names Mr Pai Ju-ping, as the new first secretary of the province. These two appointments suggest a move to fill senior party posts left vacant since the re-

> control. press had singled out Dr Cairns,

> During the meeting, members angrily brandished copies of a Sydney newspaper which had

number of steps designed to help the Labour Government to improve its image. It passed a motion asking Mr Whitlam and his Cabinet ministers to give immediate attention to improving communications with electors. They were urged to use every opportunity to get the Government's programme across by television, radio and the

China. Paying his second state visit to Peking in two years, he Where practicable the Cabinet should meet in the capital cities and provincial centres. Ministers should work in close liaison with state members of Parliament and party organizations.

Hongkong officer The People's Daily in a leading article today praised Zaire and its President, although during his last visit in Peking dismissed

Hougkong, Dec 16.—A senior British officer of Hongkong's anti-corruption commission who was fined \$HK10,000 (£900) on Friday for corruptly accepting a loan, has been dismissed, a spokesman for the commission

said today.

The decision to dismiss Mr
John Neil Esuglas Hamilton
from the commission was
reached over the weekend.—
Reuter.

Newspapers

Melbourne, Dec 16

Australian press has handled the so-called Morosi affair. They accused the newspapers

gross distortion and wilful misrepresentation and of pub-lishing innuendoes in order to damage the prestige of the Whitlam Government.

gional military commanders who have also been exercising administrative power until re-Miss Juni Morosi early last week declined an offer to join the staff of Dr Cairns, the Deputy Prime Minister, after a Mr Peng Chung has been appointed first party secretary for the province of Kiangsu, the centre of the important storm in Parliament. At a press conference in Sydney on Wed-nesday, she said: "I regard the stories which have been circula-ting about my sexual relations with Cabinet ministers as baseless innuendoes. There is abso-lutely no truth in them at all." Executive members of the

Labour Party were also critical of what they claimed were sug-gestive press stories about Mrs Joan Taggart, a friend of Mr Rex Connor, the Minister for Minerals and Energy, taking up a job with the newly created National Pipe Authority, which

is under Mr Connor's ministerial Senator Lionel Murphy, the Attorney General, said that the

Mr Connor and himself for attack.

asked Dr Cairus whether he was in love with Miss Morosi. The meeting decided on a

Hongkong, Dec 16.—Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, met President Mobutu in a Peking hospital today, the New China news agency reported. — Agence France-Presse.

either for commodities such as rubber and tin or for cash. Mr Anand said that Thailand would welcome a Chinese perrubber and tin or for cash. Late last year China sold 50,000 tons of diesel oil to Thailand at a "friendship price" and undertook to supply a further 100,000 tons in the future. However, Mr Pramanent mission to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, which has its headquarters in Bangkok, and that he would repeat the

Thai mission leaves for

trade talks with China

song doubted whether this offer in Peking.
would be sold at a similar In Pyongyang the delegation price.
Other matters to be discussed by the delegation in return for Thai commodities.

Guyana to set up property register for MPs

From Our Correspondent Georgetown, Dec 16

Mr Forbes Burnham, the Prime Minister, told a mass meeting last night of a new code of conduct for the leadership of the ruling People's National Congress. Under this party leaders would be forbidden to accept gifts or from being land-

All PNC officials and MPs, Mr Burnham added, will have to make a public declaration of all property owned by them-selves, their spouses and their under-age children by March 31 next year.

No party official can hold a directorship in any company

except as a nominee of the party or Government, he told the meeting, called to mark the tenth anniversary of PNC Gov-ernment in Guyana.

Frontier alert

Bangkok, Dec 16.—All border patrol units along the Thai-Cambodian frontier have been alerted after a hundred Cambodian soldiers entered Thai territory and abducted two villagers.

Violence marks anniversary of Bangladesh

today celebrated the third anniversary of its independence amid a wave of bombings, armed raids and the deliberate derailment of a train which killed at least two people. Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, the

Bali tiger feared to be extinct

Morges, Switzerland, Dec 16.

The Ball tiger, one of the smallest of the eight sub-species of tiger, is feared to be extinct, the World Wildlife Fund said todav.-Reuter.

Dacca, Dec 16.-Bangladesh

Prime Minister, in a broadcast, sai dthat since independence 3,000 people had been murdered, including members of his ruling Awami League Party, incocent villagers and four Members of Parliament. They had met their deaths at the hands of "miscreants who are creating terror under the darkness of night". He gave warning of stern measures against those disrupting law and order in the country.—AP.

South Vietnam outpost falls to communists

forces have seized a Government outpost defended by some 200 militiamen, 70 miles northeast of Saigon, the South Vietnam command said today.

The full of said today.

The fall of the outpost at Bu Na yesterday came barely 24 hours after communist troops overran the district town of Duc Phong, 15 miles away. Radio contact with Bu Na was lost immediately after the communist attack, and the fate of the defenders was not known.

Reports today on fighting in the eastern province of Binh Tuy said Government troops lost 17 men killed, 26 wounded and an undetermined number of missing in clashes outside Hoai Duc district capital, 75 miles from Saigon.—Reuter. Our Stockholm Correspondent writes: Swedish political party leaders said in a joint state-ment that fighting in Vietnam could intensify because the

agreement.

Saigon, Dec 16.--Communist expectations dashed and it is

"The responsibility for this rests heavily upon the Saigon regime and those who support it", the statement said. The agreement was being violated grossly. "Those who demand that it be followed are in prison and murdered . . . villages, schools and hospitals are bombed."

The statement was not signed by Mr Gosta Bohman, leader of the Conservative Party.

Seoul, Dec 16.-At least 19 people were injured by shell fragments tonight after anti-sir-craft guns had fired at an unidentified aircraft approaching the flight control zone over Seoul. The aircraft fled.

could intensify because the Hospitals said that some of Saigon Government "and those who support it" had not respected provisions of the Paris ries and were undergoing surgery. One woman bus passenger "In the two years which have gery. One woman bus passenger was hit in the head by a frag-ment which cut through the top of the bus.—Reuter.

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A 'Titus' well worth hearing

as I reckon it, rates no better than seventh place on the list of his operas. Eugen Jochum and some fine singers make the new production at the Deutsche Oper Berlin sporadically delightful, but they have uphill work of it.

Mr Jochum and the singers emerge as the heroes of this production, which barely sur-vives the dullest, most simple-minded stage direction to afflict minded stage direction to afflict this house in a mercifully long time. Mr Jochum draws music of crystalline clarity from this occasionally lubberly orchestra, and he shows himself at his best when the score offers him a long lyrical line he can spin out. One might cavil about contrasts of tempi or dynamic mances but these redynamic nuances, but these re-main side issues and reflect nothing more convincing than mere personal taste. Mr Jochum of course knows his Mozart

Mozart's La clemenza di Tito, as I reckon it, rates no better than seventh place on the list of The performance began

ominously with an announce-ment from the stage des-cribing Agnes Baltsa, in the role of Sextus, as suffering from a slight cold but freundlicher-weise willing to go on. In actual performance one noticed not even a trace of indisposi-tion, and in her big aria, with all that showy fioring in fast triplets, she virtually brought the house down with the biggest ovation of the evening. She has a rich, dark-timbred mezzo, full a rich, dark-timbred mezzo, full of body, but with sometimes astoniching flexibility. The relatively small number of operatic roles for mezzo-soprano may prove a hindrance, but her outstanding performance as Sextus promises a distinguished further correct as a sextus promises a distinguished further correct. Ordinarily the role of Vitellia

dominates this opera, giving its performer rewarding material ranging over two and a half octaves and a vast gamut of emotions. Annabelle Bernard did well without truly standing out, although her musicality and sensitivity of phrasing proved as reliable and enjoyable as ever. Lucy Peacock and Gerti Zeumer performed expertly in the supporting roles of Servilia and Annius. and Annius. Horst Laubenthal, if he failed to make the cardboard-cutout Titus a believable human being did afford admirable disهكذا من الأصل

Klee on the edge of anxiety

The beautiful exhibition Paul its colours. One may be gen- methods of

chiefs, rough burlap and jute.

being did afford admirable dis-play to a lyrical tenor voice of purity and quality. Victor von Halem, a giant who towers over his fellow beings, sang and acted appropriately as Publius, chief of the Imperial Guard. After all these posies, duty requires the conscientious distri-bution of a few brickbacks. Winfried Bauernfeind, who must bear the blame and the shame for the staging, has committed some incomprehensible and unpardonable anachronistic offences. Tirus does, pro forma, don a sort of roga, but before he does be makes his entrance in late eighteenth-century garb. Publius wears an officer's uniform from the same period. The costumes and the almost infinite succession of backdrops designed by Günter Walbeck evoke

the Vienna of Mozart's day.

Why? The only explanation which comes to mind derives from the fact that Mozart composed Tito to order for the celebrations accompanying Emperor Leopold II's coronation, with the probable intention of preserting him to his subjects, by implication, as just as fine and noble a fellow as old Tirus. Some of Mr Walbeck's numerous backdrops show the archi-tectural dimensions of, say, the Leipzig railway station. Neither the sets nor the costumes nor the staging has anything to do with Rome. One might just conceivably regard that as deviating somewhat from the opera's creators' rhemanic can be got from the story of Arp, who also applied for Swiss citizenship, some years before, and was refused on the material and original intentions. Mr Rauernfeind's handling of the chorus has them scurrying on and off stage with the wit-less celerity of ants, in between grounds that his art was bound to lead him to the lunatic asy-lum and there he would become a burden on public freezing into position to deliver their bits before disappearing just as swiftly and mysteriously as they came. With less pro-fessional soloists, Mr Bauern-feind's staging could have sunk

this production without a trace.

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William Mann Daniel Barenboim certainly lives up to the valorous associa-tions of his name. On Sunday he was back in the Festival Hall, taking on no less formidable an opponent than Bruckner's fifth symphony, conceivably the most brilliant and masterly of all, with its elaborate and highly contrapuntal finale. Bruckner's fifth is also immensely difficult

farious, yet eventually proved coherent sections.

Bettina Jonic

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A brilliant, innovating approach to the complex world of two

seminal songwriters, Bertolt Brecht and Bob Dylan, was

offered on Sunday by a singer of accomplished background

and rare sensibility. Bettina

Jonic arrived at this premiere of her "one woman show"

after walking a path that has

included opera and musical theatre around the world.

Her fascinating juxtaposition of two powerful composers, both masters of social com-

mentary, was probing, artful

and provocative. She treated the works as music, surely, but

went on to explore them as lyric poetry, theatre pieces, dramatic vignettes, Sprechge-sang, and mini-dramas. An able

saptet offered imaginative backing throughout.

The blonde, casually black-garbed singer, has long been associated with Brecht and his

composer colleagues, Weili, Dessau and Eisler. To move on to the work of Dylan, and to uncover so many links and cor-

respondences between pre-war Germany and 1960s America was undeniably a masterstroke

to control, through all its multi-

Mr Barenboim was not dis-mayed by these challenges: he had thought about them. He did not adopt the wide variations of pace favoured by an earlier generation of Brucknerians, notably (well known to be a Barenboim idol) Furtwängler. This reading had power and drive in its quick movements,

> two composers who purposefully elevate the potency of message over the niceties of

—though it still seems perverse to assign these masculine songs (like "Kindertotenlieder") so

regularly to mezzo-sopranos.

echt art. A high point was Miss Jonic's from Dylan's transition Masters of War and "John Brown" into Brecht's "German Brown" into Brecht's "German mother"—three anti-war statements of coruscating power. Miss Jonic is first-rate, and should be widely heard. Television, it would seem, with its visual fluidity, suggests an ideal medium for this uncommon sort of high intelligence in contemporary song-programuscontemporary song-programm-

all the more intense. There are deur and rich sonority in the at last six such pictures in the exhibition including the one called Little Mars, a goose-stepping puppet of a soldier, like a monster in toytown. But slow movement and the second subject of the finale. The LPO brass were kept on their toes in the fast music, and one feared for some detail; but Barenboim's sturdy vitality the exhibition is not dominated by images like these. Klee continued up to his death endlessly and joyfully winkling found the orchestra generously responsive—it is good to know that he will be working regu-larly with this orchestra in future—with real pianissimo and firmly balanced chording out fresh discoveries from simple graphic forms. as well as elegant instrumental The first half of the concert

funds.

In the extreme whiteness of the Hayward's upper gallery the beauty of Klee's colours is the first thing that impresses. Each picture has a sharply separate identity in terms of was devoted to Mahler's Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen in which Yvonne Minton's radiant top register and melting soft tones could specially be admired

Paul Klee in 1939

he spent the pext seven years

applying for Swiss citizenship.

It had not yet been granted when he died in June, 1940.

Some idea of the official view

Klee did not speak much

about the political events of

the time. He never painted

an explicit attack on fascism

as Picasso did in Guernica.

But his art was quick to

note the growing atmos-phere of militarism, spy-ing and fear. It is revealing that many of the paintings that

do register this threatening cli-

mate are in Klee's most child-ike style, which makes them

of modern artists at that time

None of Beethoven's quartets,

growth.

ranging one and traversed with both skill of execution and depth of commitment.

vided the latter. To ask for something cooler and more con-tained might seem inappropriate, yet there is surely in this great fugue a stillness and a breadth which a performance too occupied with immediate expression may somehow fail to release. The heart of Op 131 is its central variation movement, which the Amadeus played as richly and as feelingly as one could hope for, and with line, beautifully wrought lines; but here too there were times (like the second Adagio variation) where one might have preferred playing a shade more austere, more withdrawn. Later both in the Scherzo and in the finale, the inclination towards a smoothly expressive surface whenever the music allowed it slightly sapped the toughness and the vitality so successfully gener-ated in the rhythmically more energetic music.

aimed at an interplay between separate categories: for exam-

ple, between music and plant

Like the other pioneers of his generation he had to find

the technical means to do this

clearing away inherited

The beautiful exhibition Paul Klee: the last years, shown at the Edinburgh Festival in September, has now opened in London at the Hayward Gallery. Organized by Douglas Hall of the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art and drawn from the collection of Klee's son, it is limited to Klee's paintings of the 1950s. In 1933 Klee was expelled from his teaching post at the Dusseldorf Academy by the Nazis. He fled to Berne where he spent the next seven years in the colour are the find its own way is pure poetic on a subtle synthesis of many then next seven years its colours. One may be genmentary properties, another light and playful, another light and playful, evaluated another light and playful, evaluated with acidic and organized his findings in the teaching course he gave at the Barhaus in the 1920s, and they have since been published as his notebooks. His merthod is summed up in his famous phrase "I let a line take a walk".

Klee "used to gaze a long time at his prepared canvas before he began the drawing". The licence, since his work is based on a subtle synthesis of many find its own way is pure poetic licence, since his work is based on a subtle synthesis of many stylistic strands. He made use, he began the drawing". The drawing and the colour are chemically fused with the particular piece of basic material. His range of materials is especially in his last years, of elementary forms like ancient not wide, but very finely graded. He used paper of difpictographic scripts and the ideograms of child art. Nevertheless the beauty of Klee's pictures comes from the complete identity one feels between the graphic energy and the energy of nature. ferent thicknesses and absorbency, and especially woven materials, painting on every-thing from pieces of linen glued on boards, to handker-Among his late work on show here are many pictures

chiefs, rough burlap and jute.
One of the paradoxes of Klee's work is that with its small scale, like a private diary, goes an immense range of reference. Klee produced no very large works, but he produced a huge total number, something over 8,000. It is as if he sacrificed making pictures with a powerful and public impact for sheer range of investigation. Klee's work where Klee's line is atruned to psychological feelings. His graphic equivalents for mental states are brilliantly inventive. He often uses a single con-tinuous line; in one drawing it wavers like a barometric needle recording the feeling Klee sums up in his title as Elderly Spinster. In Bust two staring eyes float in a wishy-washy body. In Collect Oneseli a dazed head looks out from a investigation. Klee's work alludes to more phenomena in nature and human society than that of any other modern European artist. He tells us about the earth, minerals, plant growth, waves, the weather, birds, animals, fish, music, architecture, gardens, transport, machinery, psycholoanother painting where a zig-zag flash of dark lightning becomes a facial expression of transport, machinery, psychological feelings of many kinds, both in the individual and between people in groups. And he does so always in terms of energy or mental break up. Though his means the principle he wanted to guide all his work, the princi-

always humorously simple, Klee's art knows a wide range of emotions from lightness to However. even the happier images always tremble on the edge of anxiety. It is as if Klee both welcomes the modern world and is afraid of losing the old one.

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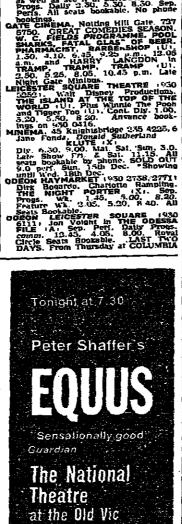
except possibly Op 130 in its original form, is interpretatively as demanding as the C sharp minor, with its unbroken span of 40 minutes during which so much happens. With the Amadeus playing it, it is a spiritual adventure, as it ought to be; not, perhaps, to quite such harsh or remote regions as might be imagined, but a far-

Beethoven wrote a lot of expression marks into the opening Adagio and moreover asked for molto espressivo playing; the Amadeus duly followed the former and pro-

The Amadeus caught beautifully the terse epigrammatic manner of the Op 95 quartet. It was the kind of performance to leave you wondering how so much can be said in so little time. It had some memorable things, like Mr Brainin's tender phrasing in the Allegretto and his featherweight figuration in the trio. Arguably it was all just a little too fleet; for even if one ought not dwell on an epigram, still less should one risk its being thrown away. The piece is perhaps a little more severe and gritty than the Amadeus allowed. We also had the C minor quartet from Op 18, an eager, alive performance, and highly perceptive; the Scherzo playful but not merely that, the minuet done with an urgency which made sense of Beethoven's surprising instruc-

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Penfold can look to 1975 with a smile

By Peter Ryde

The prospect for professional olf in 1975 is not all gloomy. The merican firm of Colgate-Palm. Hwe yesterday announced a subontial injection of principles of into the men's and women's partments of the game. Having mired the British firm of Penantial injection of prize money, quired the British firm of Pen-ld, they have turned that urnament, one of the more odest on the circuit, into the hest in Europe next year. The tournament has assumed the unie of the Professional Golfers sociation championship, which ks an owner, and first prize has en raised from 52,000 to £10,000.

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past years, when the Penfold nament was hard pressed to in the race as prize money it was linked in name with ral coastal resorts who shared burden of expenses. Now freed that care, the event will be n to a championship site, at St George's. New holes al St George's. New holes h have lengthened that course bout 6,740 yards, and reduced four for the first time among estimals, and the strong field provide useful information for the considering the possibility of ag the Open there when a conditions in the area allow.

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event will be called the ld PGA championship, but toney behind it will be Col., just as it will be behind uropean open championship omen, which was held this er for the first time at Sunile, and will be repeated vear from August 6 to 10. prize money has been sed to £30,000 with the first up £1,000 to £5,000.

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Rugby Union

Cotton given captaincy for final trial

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
The England captain, John
Pullin, has been relegated to the
Rest XV in Saturday's final trial
at Twickenham, and supplanted in
the senior side by Peter Wheeler
of Leicester. Fran Cotton has
been chosen to lead the England
team—providing the clearest indication of a change at the top.
Geoffrey Richards, of Waspe, will
play full back for the Rest even
though he has had no first class
football since he fractured his jaw
playing for England Under-23 in
September, and has never
appeared in a semior trial.
Hare, who finished last season
as the England full back, has not
been included, even as a replacement, in the party of 40 players
who will assemble for training next
Sunday under the new coach, John
Burgess, Peter Dixon, last year's
England flank forward, will pose,
at No 8 for the Rest, an obvious
challenge to Andy Ripley. It
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selectors had the wires buzzing
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Burgess, that robust Lancas-

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Burgess, that robust Lancastrian, will be pleased to have his own county captain supporting his endeavours, and I suspect that Alec Lewis and the other selectors were not averse to making the change in good time. Pullin, the most capped of English players, may yet have the last laugh by regaining his place as hooker but, after missing selection for the Lions tour of South Africa, he has had a difficult season with injury and his form in the first area trial was unexciting. The writing was beginning to be etched on the wall when he was outhooked by Bobby Windsor in the Welsh international last March.

Wheeler a clean striker active

March.
Wheeler, a clean striker, active in the loose, and a more polished thrower-in than Pullin, has earned thrower-in than Pullin, has earned his chance. Flanked now by Stevens and Cotton he will have the support he lacked in the Midlands team last Saturday. Colin White, of Gosforth, also has earned his place at loose head for the Rest, having been preferred to Colin Smart, of Newport, who declined an invitation to the weet of the local state of the second state. port, who declined an invitation to throw in his lot with Wales. The front row confrontation, with Burton facing Stevens, should produce in every aspect an interesting clash of steel.

Geoffrey Richards has had just the outlings for the Wasse third.

two outings for the Wasps third and second XVs in the past 10 days. His dramatic elevation is clear proof of how the selectors judge his potential—an evaluation with which I wholly concur. It is dangerous to get excited on the evidence of half a match (which is all that I have seen him play), but I am taking the risk. He is big. strong, fast, aggressive, a natural ball player and an accomplished kicker. But it would be asking a ot to expect his sharpest form on

Davis Cup form

with sponsorship

Melbourne, Dec 16.—The Davis

Cup will inevitably become a spon-

sored tournament, Wayne Reid.

president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia (LTAA), said

today. Negotiations which began during this year's Wimbledon

tournament had reached the stage

where Davis Cup nations were

The offer at Wimbledon bad

come from an American company, which Mr Reid declined to name

He said the introduction of spon-

sorship would mean the format of the cup would have to change, including the possibility of playing the semi-final and final rounds at the same site to facilitate television coverage.

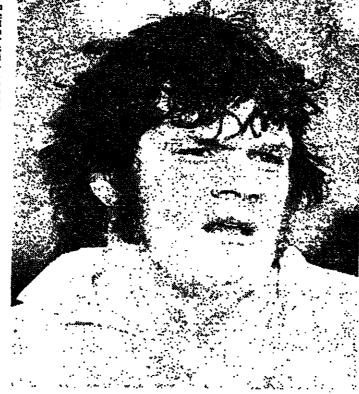
Television rights would play

major part in sponsorship nego-tiations, Mr Reid said. "The Davis Cup nations are scheduled to meet in Germany next April and by

then the negotiations to sponsor the Davis Cup would have gone a long way further ", he said.

would alter

It must of course be doubtful whether Dixon will be fit for the Tennis



Fran Cotton: He captains the England XV in the trial.

trial after his face injury at Headingley. If Ripley should repel his challenge at No 8, Dixon could still be switched back to a flank in the eventual England XV. For the moment, however, his flank position goes to Watkins.

In the Rest pack there is support for a seasoned performer still in excellent fettle, David Rollitt, and encouragement for two younger players, Bill Beaumont, the Fylde lock, and Hendy, the St Ives flank forward, both England under-23 and having had good area trials. Rollitt will captain the side.

The shape of the England back division is broadly as expected, Old being patred with Webster, Rossborough taking up the reins again at full back and Keith Smith being preferred to Geoffrey Evans as partner to Preece. Rossborough, Webster and Smith all had to miss as partner to Preece. Rossborough, Webster and Smith all had to miss the second trial. Squires, in rather mixed form on the left wing for the North, will now play in his rightful England place on the other flow.

Though they were unavailable for the first trial, the Cambridge backs, Warfield and Wordsworth, are now, predictably, picked for the Rest.

ENGLAND: P. A. Rossborough (Coveniry); P. J. Squires (Harro-

Sydney, Dec 16.—Bjorn Borg, or Sweden, was beaten by a little-known Australian in the second round of the New South Wales Tennis championships here today. As the stern-faced young Swede left the court after a 6—4, 6—3 defeat against John James, he commented: "It's no fun to play

any more. I'm going home on

tennis and all I want is a rest.

Borg, seeded third for the event

here, falled to qualify for the final stage of the Masters tournament in Melbourne last week.

In a lackadaisical display today

In a lackadaistal display today Borg, aged 18, at one stage trailed 0—5 in the second set and admitted later that only then did he try to pull the match out of the fire. "No, I did not throw the match. I just didn't try ", he said. "I was stupid to play."

It was the second successive year that Borg had suffered an early defeat in the championship.

Last year he went down to Mark Farrell, of Britain. For James, aged 23, who is based in New

A beaten Borg says it is

no fun playing any more

gate), K. Smith (Roundbay), P. S.
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(Coventry); A. G. B. Old (Middlesbrough), J. G. Webster (Mosley);
C. B. Stevens (Penzance/Newlyn),
P. J. Wheeler (Leicester), F. E.
Cotton (Coventry) (captain), R. M.
Uttley (Gosforth), C. W. Ralston
(Richmond), J. A. Warkins
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(Fylde), N. E. Horton (Moseley),
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Hendy (St Ives).

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Referee: K. Pattinson (North Midlands).

York, it was his biggest win in two years. He arrived here only yesterday and had to survive a hard first round match this morn-ing before defeating Borg.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round:
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Peter Whiting, the All Blacks lock, who remalped here after their tour and is now playing for Harlequins, is one of five new Barbarians in the team announced yesterday to play Leicester, at Welford Road, on December 27. The others are the Swansea full back, Roger Blyth, who was capped by Wales against England last season; the left wing, Gordon Wood, of Cambridge University and England Under-23; and the scrum half, Lionel Weston, of Rosslyn Park, who won two England caps in 1972, and the prop. Feidlim McLoughlin, of Northern, who is a younger brother of Ray, the

Wood will play inside Warfield, as he does for Cambridge, and as he used to do with the same outstanding success at Durham University. There are 13 internationals, including Pullin, in the side, and, with Whiting, Ralston, Ripley and Neary on parade, Leicester look like being well tested at the lineout. Ralston and Ripley are back in the Middlesex side for their evening match against Surrey at Esher tomorrow in the first of the playoff matches to decide the southplanting. Ralston reappeared in the Richmond team last Saturday after knee trouble that had kept him out for a month. Ripley him out for a month. Ripley missed Rosslyn Park's game at the weekend with a minor fracture of a finger joint.

BARBARIANS: W. R. Blyth Swansea); D. J. Duckham BARBARIANS: W. R. Blyth (Swansea); D. J. Duckham (Coventry), P. S. Preece (Coventry), P. J. Warfield (Cambridge University), G. E. Wood (Cambridge University); I. R. McGeechan (Headingley), L. E. Weston (Rosslyn Park); P. D. Llewellyn (Swansea), J. V. Pullin (Bristol), P. McLonghlin (Northern), P. J. Whiting (Harlequins), C. W. Ralston (Richmond), H. W. Jenkins (Llanelli), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), A. Neary (Broughton Park).

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SURREY: R. Hiller (Harlequins); M. Hooke (Rosslyn Park), P. Grant (Harlequins), K. Hughes (London Weish), R. Hammond (Harlequins); W. N. Bennett (Bedford), L. E. Weston (Rosslyn Park); A. Shortland (Wasps), J. Bond (Richmond), P. Hinton (Rosslyn Park), N. Maunell (Rosslyn Park), J. Battersby (Camberley), J. Legg (Harlequins), M. Biggar (London Scottish), P. Hearn (Richmond).

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(Rosslyn Park); S. Tiddy (Metropolitan Police), G. Birkett (Harlequins), A. P. Friell (London Scottish), D. A. Thorne (Saracens);
M. G. Heal (London Irish), J. Ridout (Wasps); R. L. Barlow (Rosslyn Park), D. Pickerlug (London Scottish), T. Claxton (Harlequins), S. J. B. James (Richmond), C. W. Scottsh), I. Claimon (Hastelma), S. J. B. James (Richmond), C. W. Raiston (Richmond), R. A. Mackenzie (London Scottish), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), R. Mordell (Wasps).

Vilas waiting impatiently for Wimbledon

Sydney, Dec 16.—Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, who won the Masters tournament in Melbourne masters tolerament in Metoderne yesterday, can barely wait for another attempt at the Wimbledon title next year. Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, chairman of the All England Club, said this here today after speaking to the 22-year-old player in Melbourne last night. old player in Melbourne last night.
"Vilas assured me he would be

"In fact he told me he could barely wait for the opportunity." Since being an early round casualty at Wimbledon this year, Vilas has developed into the sport's hottest property. He took his 1974 earnings to more than \$4m by beating the temperamental Romanian, Ilie Nastase, in the Masters event (sponsored by Commercial Union) on Melbourne's Kooyong

GB) beat D. Sawic (Yugoslevia) 6—4, 6, 6—1.

SECOND ROLND: K. Rosewall beat i. Perkins 6—2, 6—1; J. James beat i. Perkins 6—2, 6—1; J. James beat i. Borg (Sweden) 6—4, 6—3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: M. Stridal (Beigium) beat J. Walker 6—3, 6—2: C. Doerner beat D. Fiuza (Portual) 6—2, 6—0; A. Whyteross beat i. van Haver (Beigium) 7—5, 6—5; Mappin (GB) beat L. Raymond 1. 3—6, 6—2; B. Thompson (GB) eat H. Kayser 6—4, 6—5; S. Greet US) beat S. Irvine 7—5, 4—6, 6—4; Wilton beat V. Anderson (Sweden) 2. 3—6, 6—5; C. Martinez (US) eat V. Lancaster 6—4, 3—5, 6—1; Thibauth (France 6—3, 5—6, 6—1; Thibauth (France 6—3, 5—6, 6—1; M. Schalt (US) beat Second Round) Religion (US) beat Colon (Round) (Roun courts yesterday.
Sir Brian predicted that Vilas
would spearhead another youthful
assault on Wimbledon after the American youngsters, James Con-nors and Christine Evert, took the men's and women's singles this

Boxing

Buchanan retains European title after disappointing display been lacking in strength and judgment of distance in his runching. There were times when I wondered if he had found difficulty in making the lightweight limit of 9st 9lb for this championship, for he came into the ring the clearest of favourites to boat a challenger over whom he had already gained two points victories. Buchanan suffered a cut by his left eve as early as the second

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Boxing Correspondent Paris, Dec 16

his European lightweight title here this evening at the Palais des Sports exposition hall when the seconds of his French challenger, Leonard Tavarez, threw in the towel early in the 14th round is Tavarez was being pummelled in a neutral corner. Buchanan in a neutral corner. Buchaoan contined to attack until the referee, Angel Ezquerra, noticed the towel and jumped between the two men to stop Buchanan's onslaught.

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It was a fiery finish, after a 13th round in which a left and right to the head from Buchanan had Tavarez so groggy that the referee had him take a compulsory count of eight seconds even though the Frenchman was still on his feet. While Buchanan's seconds protested, the bell came to the rescue of the challenger.

Though Buchanan jumped for

Though Buchanan jumped for joy it was impossible for those of the sportsmanship several times.

Buchanan was so uncharacteristically out of distance with left

left eye as early as the second round after a clash of heads and at one stage the injury looked so severe that officials called for a doctor to come to the ringside. I had Buchanan clearly ahead on points at the end of the 13th round and, indeed, only gave Tavarez two rounds with three more perhaps even. But it was understandable that the Paris crowd, who had just seen Max Cohen win the national middle-weight title in the 11th round of an unforgettably violent contest with Jean-Claude Bouttier, some-times gave Buchanan's champion-ship the bird, though they also applauded the British boxer for

jabs and following rights in the early rounds that it was not sur-prising to hear his trainer, Freddie Hill, shout: "Show him who's the champion, double up your left hands, keep the pressure on." This, Buchanan found difficult to do, even though his indecision and lack of positiveness led him to be caught by right crosses to the head from Tavarez in the fifth round. The Frenchman wobbled slightly from two solid rights to the head in the ninth round as the head in the minth round as Buchanan put some more vim into his work and, at last, in the tenth, the champion was doubling up his left jabs

But it was from the eleventh that Buchanan at last began to put his punches together with the old authority. He came out fast for this round and when he opened authority. He came our last for this round and when he opened out with both hands and ended his attack with a left hook Tavarez was sent right back on his heels. The twelfth was slow, again, but this was the lull before the thoroughly well sustained attack in the thirteenth round which allowed Buchanan to remain the champion of Europe.

Football

George and Sprake ask for transfers Colquhoun. Sheffield United's

Gary Sprake, who commanded a record fee of £90,000 when he was bought by Birmingham City from Leeds United in October of last year, and George, the Arsenal player, were yesterday placed on

Birmingham's manager, Freddie Goodwin, said yesterday that Sprake had asked for an interview about his position with the club. Mr Goodwin said: "He told me he wanted to play first team football again. I sympathise with him and we are circularising clubs about his availability."

After his signing last year, Sprake made 20 first team appear-ances for Birmingham but lost his

ances for Birmingham but lost his place to Latchford. He has not played in a league game for Birmingham this season.

Arsenal have decided that George, valued at about £250,000, can go. He has made an official transfer request and the general manager, Bob Wall, said yesterday: "The board decided 10 days ago that once George put in a written request it would be granted." Arsenal consider that Cropley, signed from Hibernian for £150,000 recently, is a ready-made replacement for George, who is 24.

former Scottish international centre half, was suspended for three matches when he failed in an appeal to an FA disciplinary commission in London yesterday. He was sent off for "violent conduct" by the referee in the League Cup-tie against Norwich City on November 12. The Norwich forward, Boyer, who was also involved in the incident salso involved in the incident and sent off, did not appeal and has already served a three-match suspension. Colquhoun's suspension begins on Monday and he must also pay the costs of the hearing.

Sheffield United's manager, Ken Furphy, represented Colquhoun but pointed out that the club was not officially backing the player's appeal. After the hearing Mr Furphy said: "We were not disputing he should have been sent off but we pointed out that he was punched and kicked and it would have been very hard not to retaliate under such provocation."

Colquhoun said: "It is the first time I have been sent off. I think Sheffield United's manager, Ken

time I have been sent off. I think my record of bookings counted against me. They went back as far as 1960 which seemed unfair because I have not been in any

my cautions were for dissent, nothing violent. I am not a violent person by nature. Wolverhampton Wanderers will not be appealing against the fourth caution recorded against their defender, Palmer, this season. This came against Burnley on Saturday and followed bookings at Ledd Areaul and the home at Leeds, Arsenal and the home game with Stoke. Palmer had nine penalty points and Saturday's caution took him to 12. He will miss the Boxing Day game against Everton and the Luton match the following Saturday.

Yesterday's results

FA Cup Second round replays Second round replays

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Winners away to Peterborough.
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Honors home to Cambridge United.
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Wigan fail to support claims No experience for League membership

Wigan Athletic's ambitions to support their claims for League membership with a successful FA. Cup campaign were destroyed in their second round replay at Mansfield last night.
Hodgson set Mansfield on the path to a third round tie with Cambridge United when he scored from 20 wards after Mansfield had

from 20 yards after Mansfield had finally prised an opening in the efficient Wigan defence with a decisive move involving Pate, Clarke and O'Connor after 40

minutes.

Wigan had created morechances, Wright lobbing a shot
on to the bar and Rogers forcing
Bird to head off the line, but
Mansfield scored against in the
69th minute. Gillibrand cleared a
shot off the line and O'Connor scored from the rebound.
Wigan were not finished. King
spurred them into a late revival when he went straight at the Mansfield defence and scored with a 25-yard shot four minutes from time. Wigan's desperate attacking efforts left them exposed at the back and, in injury time, McCaffrey sent over a cross which Reeves dropped and O'Connor scored his second goal.

Tranmere 1 Rochdale 0 Traumere made hard work of beating their fourth division oppo-

Wigan 1 ments in their replay. They now obtions to visit Peterborough. Transere or League missed a penalty when Crossley essful FA shot well wide after Coppell had crossley made amends five minutes after half-time, when he raced on to a faulty back pass by Horne and easily beat Poole. Rochdale effered Stubborn resistance in the half-time and satisfact the statement of the statement in the half satisfacts. ance in the bad conditions but their chances were few and their goal led a charmed life in the last half hour.

Rochdale's best chance fell to Breman, in the 31st minute, but he shot wide with only the goal-

he shot wide with only the goal-keeper, Johnson, to beat.

Today's fixtures FA Cup

Second round replays

Bury v Grimsby Town (7.50).

Lincoin City v Hartlepool (7.50).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Third

round: Dartford v Numeaton (7.50).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnet v Burton (7.30): Romford

v Wcymouth (7.30): Wimblodon v

Cambridge City (7.50).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division
—north: Banbury v A. P. Leamington
(7.40): Hern PREMIER LEAGUE:
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LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round:
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RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit competition final: Saliord v Warrington
(7.25). Second round replays

in England

forward line The England Under-23 team will have to field a forward line almost without experience in representa tive football against Scotland at Aberdeen tomorrow evening. The six withdrawals from the party over the weekend left only three specialist forwards and of those only Hankin, a substitute against

only Hankin, a shoshfure against Czechoslovakia in October, has had international experience.

The other forwards are Moores, the Stoke City player who has had only a handful of first division games, and 27-year-old Boyer, from Norwich, one of the two The only alternatives open to the joint managers, George Eastham and Gordon Banks, are to move Francis forward from midfield, as Queen's Park Rangers did last Saturday, or Lyons of Everton upfield, from centre half. Boyer, also the Coventry player, Mortimer, and Whitworth, of Leicester, were called into the party vesterday.

Leicester, were called into the party yesterday.

The men who have pulled out through injury are Palmer (Wolverhampton), Thompson (Liverpool), Hudson (Stoke City), Johnson and Whymark (Ipswich).

The England and Derby County defender, McFarland, will not return to the game as soon as expected because of an injury to his right ankle.

Skiing

ship offer.

Leader in World Cup can afford to miss slalom

An epic battle is expected here over the next two days in the last two ski races of this year counting for the World Cup. Of about 110 skiers from 23 nations taking part, the man to beat is the Austrian downhill star, Franz Klammer, who leads the World Cup standings with 58 pts. Since he is 23 pts ahead of his

closest rival, Werner Grissman, Klammer can afford to take it easy this time and will give tomorrow's slalom a miss, reserving himself Wednesday's giant slalom. for Wednesday's giant slatom.
The two Italian favourites to win
the cup, last year's champion
Piero Gros and the 24-year-old
"veteran" Gustavo Thoem, who
has held the title four times, can
afford no mistakes if they are to

Madonna di Campiglio, Dec 16.

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Gros will be making a special effort because he does not intend to take part in all the downhill races scheduled for next month, but wants to amass as many points as possible in the slalom, his speciality.

Snow conditions are fast, with a thin coating of snow that is hard but not icy. The slalom will be run over the Miramonte course here with 54 and 71 gates in the respective legs and a vertical drop of 205 metres.—Reuter.

Oxford and Cambridge more evenly matched

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The Oxford and Cambridge University skiing match will begin here tomorrow with the giant stalom and end on Wednesday with the special stalom. Cambridge, who won last year's match comfortably, are once again favourites, though this year their superiority does not seem so pronounced.

The mainstays of the more experienced Cambridge team are, for the third year in succession, the formidable Scottish pair. Colin Robertson, the team captain, and Douglas Low, who both distinguished themselves in the Scottish national ski circuit last season, finally coming third and fourth respectively in the giant stalom of the Scottish championships. rnany respectively in the giant sialom of respectively in the giant sialom of the Scottish championships.

In the British Universities ski championships held in the Cairngorms at Easter they brought their team home to victory, Low coming second in the slaiom and Robertson third in the giant slaiom.

The Oxford team this year has, however, been strengthened with the arrival of Richard Ayles, another Scottish racer, who in the past achieved successes racing with rost achieved successes racing with past achieved successes racing with Edinburgh and Kandahar jumor

in the season's opening event at Val d'Isère. Thoeni is also seek-ing to reinstate himself as the world's No I after being dis-crowned by the 19-year-old Gros Gros will be making a special

From a Special Correspondent

ski teams and who at Easter helped his team to take fifth place in the British Universities Ski

in the British Universities Ski
Club races.

Bernard Lunn, grandson of Sir
Arnold, inventor of the slalom
event in ski racing, has been in
good form in the giant slalom
during training and is another
potential source of strength in the
Oxford team.

With the consistently sound and With the consistently sound and at times excellent standard of racing produced by the captain, Roderick Seligman, Oxford have emerged with a team capable of capitalizing on a Cambridge fall and certainly of making this year's

match more exciting than its pre-The 10 days' training for the race on the Jakobshorn ski com-plex has been interrupted three times by blizzards. Today snow-falls threatened to produce exact-ing conditions for tomorrow's ing conditions for tomorrows
match. Teams:—

CAMERIDGE: C. J. Robertson (Magdalene, Caplain). D. R. D. Low (Magdalene). A. W. N. Reicher (Calias),
M. E. Napier 1St John's). C. N. Morris
(King's). R. J. Brimblecombe (Calias).

OXFORD: R. J. R. Seligman (Trinity,
captain). R. W. C. Ayles (Lincoln).
P. J. Booth (St Catherine's). P. A.
Carew (New College). B. Lunn (Oriel).
A. E. G. Rame (Merton).

Rackets

Elementary for Watson at Marlborough

SECOND ROUND: K. Melville beat S. Mappin (GB) 6-4, 6-0, Reuter.

By Our Rackets Correspondent Five Mariborough players won their opening matches in the colts event of the schools rackets championships at Queen's Club yesterday. Two of the wins were at the expense of Malvern, who have as strong a battery of players as any school.

D. K. Watson, a member of the D. K. Watson, a member of the Mariborough first pair though still a colt, was the best player on view, and his Radley opponent, E. C. D. Hooper, was given short shrift. This match was referred and marked by father and son. Bill Gordon has been the Marlborough professional for over 20 years, and his son Nigel has taken over at Radley. Though the professional world is full of families—the Grays, Crosbies, Hawes and Hulls—I cannot recall a similar occurrence. similar occurrence.

Hawes and Hulls—I cannot recall a similar occurrence.

A. J. Kerr-Dineen, a member of the Marlborough second pair, beat A. P. Kirkbride (Charter-house) by 15—7, 15—3 in a better game than the score suggests. There were some respectable rallies. Kirkbride, the smaller player, covered the court well, but lacked the power to finish. The winner would be a better player if he used the angles more often.

S. J. Lillyman and C. F. Worlidge, who form the Marlborough colts pair and have another year in that division, were untroubled by A. W. Tolson (Rugby) and A. R. D. Wallis (Malvern). But R. D. Abbot was taken to a final game by S. C. Popplewell (Malvern) before winning by 15—8, 8—15, 15—10. COLTS SPROLES: Furst round: S. J. Lillyman Mariborough; beat A. W. Tolson (Rugby) and A. R. D. Wallis (Malvern). But R. D. Abbot was taken to a final game by S. C. Popplewell (Malvern) before winning by 15—8, 8—15, 15—2; C. R. J. J. de Leibhiter (Harvey) beat A. W. Tolson (Rugby); 15—0, 15—2; L. A. Anton (Rugby); beat N. C. Pellew (Wellborton); 15—0, 15—2; C. R. Fuente (Halleybury); 15—0, 15—2; C. R. Fuente (Halleybury); 15—0, 15—3; A. W. L. Wolston-holme (Malvern) beat G. Bonilage, Mariborough); beat A. R. P. Wallis Mariborough; beat A. R. P. Wallis Mariborough; beat A. R. P. Wallis Mariborough; Charleybury); 15—10, 15—3; A. W. L. Wolston-holme (Malvern) beat G. Bonilage, Carier (Ciliton); 15—10, 15—11; R. D. Abbot (Mariborough); boat G. C. D. Abbot (Mariborough); boat G. C. D. Holonger (Radley); 15—0, 15—3; A. W. L. Wolston-holme (Malvern) beat G. Bonilage.

Cricket

Lloyd ready to help England over effects of Brisbane

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Perth, Dec 16

When the second Test match continues here tomorrow David Lloyd will come in next, to coutinue his innings which was interrupted yesterday evening when he took a ball from Jeffrey Thomson in the stomach. Lloyd is fully recovered. Brian Luckhurst, still barely able to hold a bat, will see what he can do, low in the order. what he can do, low in the order. With virtually two wickets down, in view of Luckhurst's handicap, England still require 171 runs to avoid an innings defeat. To make their escape they will have to bat until the middle of Wednesday afternoon, perhaps longer, and for this to happen two of the remaining batsmen will probably need to make hundreds. So far in the series only Greig and Knott have passed 50.

All kinds of reasons are being suggested for England's present difficulties, some technical, some mental, some tactical, some fairer than others. Even allowing for the shocking bad luck with injuries, their batting on Friday was mostly too bad to be true. The players themselves would agree with that. The cluster of brilliant Australian catches was made possible only by the succession of poor English strokes. Yesterday evening, after Cowdrey and Lloyd had blunted Australia's opening attack, Greig and Denness played through the last hour as though the blood was starting to come back into English cheeks.

The England party arrived here from Brisbane not only strapped and bandaged but unnerved by what had befallen them there. They batted in the first innings of this mental, some tactical, some fairer

what had betallen them there. They batted in the first immings of this Test match as though suffering from shock, which they were. I am giving this as a reason, not making it an excuse. Luckhurst is not a confident player of fast bowling, neither is Denness. Lloyd has seldom played it. None of this was real testing the state of the same selection. unknown when the team

chosen. What was not foreseen then was that Australia would come up with a relatively unknown bowler of a relatively unanown bowler of rare hostility and that the first Test match would be played on a pitch with a treacherous enough bounce to destroy the confidence of most batsmen faced by bowling as short and fast as Thomson's. England's batting is not good these

days. It is too many years since it was. But it is not suddenly so much worse as to account for everyone not only getting out but many of them having their bones broken as well. The only fortunate batsmen in Brisbane, whether English or of any other nationality, were those who did not have to play Thomson there.

I am hoping, after England's batting vesterday, that the effects of Brisbane are wearing off. This pitch in Perth is made for rehabilitation, for over 50 years England

tation, for over 50 years England touring teams had the great benefouring feams had the great bene-fix of starting their tours here. So, this time, did Cowdrey. He and the pitch have helped to put Thom-son and Lillee more nearly into perspective. Cowdrey found that although Thomson is fast his speed through the air is probably not as great as Lindwall's.

As the series goes on England's battmen will become more accustomed to Thomson's peculiarities, as well as his pace. If the side could get away from Perth with a draw I believe they could at least level the series, though by now it is long odds against it. What cannot possibly be afforded is another collapse tomorrow as dismal as Friday's, or any more injuries. If there is the same failure to get into line as there was then, the same lack of technical resource and physical determination, we shall need not only a bomb disposal expert, which in a sense Cowdrey was, but a psychiatrist as well

There have been fewer houncers

here than in the first Test match, but still more than enough. At Melbourne, where the third is played, they should be further replayed, they should be further reduced because of the slowness of the pitch there. Even so, Thomson's speed and strength will almost loevitably inflict more casualties along the line, if not on the same scale as recently. By his batting, Cowdrey may have helped to compose the others, while causing the England selectors, of whom the chairman, Alec Bedser, is here as manager, to wonder how in a the chairman, Alec Bedser, Is here as manager, to wonder how in a time of famine they gave him away when they did. With Amiss and Edrich on the mend, we could have something that looks like an England batting order again by Boxing Day in Melbourne.

SCORE: Australia 461 (R. Edwards 115, K. D. Wilters 105, G. S. Chappell 62; C. M. Old 3-851; England 208 (A. P. E. Knott 51) and 102 for one (M. C. Cowdrey 41).



Lillee (left) and Thomson may not shock England as badly in the remainder of the series as they did in Brisbane.

Sussex wait to see Thomson

The Sussex County Cricket Club The Sussex County Cricker Club chairman, Douglas Wilshin, said yesterday that he had issued no directive to Tony Greig to approach the Australian bowler. Jeffrey Thomson, with a view to playing for the county.

From Perth, Greig is reported to be trying to persuade Thomson to be trying to persuade Thomson to join Sussex, even though the

county cannot register another

ingly, the approach was made by Greig and John Snow, currently in Australia, but Mr Wilshin said: "They have obviously approached Thomson off their own bat. Greig and Snow will doubtless report back to the club next season when Thomson seems certain to be playing in the Prudential World Cup and the four Tests to follow. Then and the four Tests to follow. Then we will have the opportunity to see what he is like."

Chepstow flourishing with Hughes's imaginative flair

is concerned will end with an imaginative day's racing at Chepstow so typical of John Hughes. the clerk of the course there. turn, has made capital out of its comparatively recent accessibility, due entirely to the network of December 6. comparatively recent accessibility, due entirely to the network of motorways that now leads to the bridge across the River Severn. which serves Chepstow so well.

Gone are the days when an afternoon's rocing at Chepstow was an almost uncontemplatable sing. There will be two sponsored

on march 6.

The most valuable race on Saturday is the Finale Junior Hurdle, which boasts \$2,000 thanks Hurdle, which hoasts \$2,000 thanks to a sizable contribution made by the Levy Board. Night Nurse, still unheaten after four races under National Humt raies, likely to make the journey from Yorkshire for this race and that is quite something in itself. He may be opposed by Jer, another unbearen hurdler.

1975 will see more prize money at take at Chepstow than ever before—in all \$122,500, and a mixed meeting staged there for

ever before—in all \$122,500, and a mixed meeting staged there for the first time. The richest race will be the joe Coral Welsh Grand National on February 15 once again. It will boast an \$5,000 prize tag. The highlight of the mixed meeting on May 25 will be a new race, the \$3,500 final of the BMW point-to-point championship. Starting stalls will be used at year. With separate course for flat racing, hurdle racing and steeplechasing. Chepstow is better off than the majority of small courses. Although some may well to fee the course for the be forced to close in the next few years, I doubt very much if one as progressive as Chepstow will be among them. A fair indication that the course is thriving can be gleaned from the fact that this year Chepstow is well above the national average, showing an in-crease in daily attendances of more

than 16 per cent on the equivalent I can think of few people who would like to win the Peter Cazalet Memorial Trophy at Plumpton

Plumpton programme

12.45 KEYMER STEEPLECHASE (5550: 3m)

1 11u-101 Barrier (CO) (R. Dean), R. Biskenet, 6-12-7 ... J. McNaughl
2 227-001 Khan (D) (Lord Petrysham), F. Winter, 10-12-7 ... Mr. Stannors,
5 11-00p Back Tudor (G. Kindersley), Kindersley, 6-12-0 ... W. Snuestart
6 1-4202 Standard (G. Kindersley), Kindersley, 6-12-10 ... P. Butler 7
6 1-4202 Mr. Williams), J. O Donoghue, 5-11-0 ... P. Butler 7
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1.15 HENFIELD HURDLE (£204: 2m)

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1.45 PETER CAZALET STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £687: 2m

2.15 CUCKMERE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £272: 2m)

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3 032-003 Mrs Rand', J. Long, %-11-11 J. McNaugi
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6 0-6 Milles Boy (Mrs Bowles , R. Head. 7-11-5 J. Davies 7 p00-p00 Santa's Sents (Mrs Pullen) J. Pullen, 5-11-5 J. Jorkins 8 0p0-00 Silver Reign (O. Pierrer, E. WcNalty, 5-11-5 G. McNalty p000-04 Warr Bridge (B. Green) Mrs Finch, 7-11-5 M. Wagner 2-5 Bouzouki, 4-1 Warr Bridge, 7-1 Frere Jacques II, 16-1 others.

1.0 IVY HURDLE (Handicap: \$5-14:

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S. A. Taylor (14-1) 2
Maiford Grove, b g, by Will Somers
—Gay Mollie (Mr J. Parker),
6-11-2 ..., M. Wagner (16-1) 3
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TOTE: Win, 57p; places, 14p, 58p, 53p, 40p. H. Price, at Findon, 51, 31.

John Reason's account of the British Lions tour in South Africa last summer must, for its technical analysis and the colourful details of its reporting, be required rugby reading this Christmas. The library Lions (Rughy Books.

unable to match the Lions in the scrummage; at no time did they assemble an effective line out or back row; they used six different ball backs while becoming progressively worse; and they did not produce one back of genuine international class. "Together these deficiencies represented a situation of complete despair".

Believing that only one of their players—the lock, J. G. Williams—

bottom of the home championship

of complete despair ".

sent state of South African rugby, and the tactics used by the Lions to achieve their objective.

The author believes that British rugby would be just as unwise to draw false conclusions about the 1974 tour as the South Africans were when they came back unbeaten from Australia in 1971. The Springboks, he holds, were persuaded to form completely false estimates of their playing strength, captainty and coaching. They ig-

suaded to form completely false estimates of their plaving strength, captainty and coaching. They ignored the Lions' win in New Zealand in 1971. They dismissed the highly successful England tour of South Africa in 1972, even though they subsequently lost three of England side, which had finished their best players.

Now comes a lean time after the feast in a barren land

Papa Noel, ch c. by Santa Claus—
Ninabella (Mr C. St. George),
5-10-7 . . P. Kelleway (5-1 fav)

2.45 DECEMBER HURDLE (Handicap: 4y-o: £442: 2m)

3.15 DITCHLING HURDLE (Novices £204: 3m)

Leicester results

12.50 : 12.51 : CHRISTMAS PUDDING
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51-21. Moe Six did not run.

Unbeaten Lions (Rugby Books, London, £2.85) will not increase his popularity with the tour mana-

gers, Alun Thomas and Syd

Millar, nor the captain, Bill McBride. It seeks not just to dis-

pel much of the euphoria sur-rounding the historic achievements

of their team; it indicts the pre-

sent state of South African rugby,

their best players.
If South Africa had never had

fewer good players in living memory, Mr Reason rates the

Leicester results

today more than Mr I. Kerman, the chairman of Plumpton and for A quiet week as far as racing a long time one of the late Major Cazalet's owners at Fairlawne. But his runner, Gay Kybo, has fallen does not encourage me to think he can beat Chance a Look, who will Chepstow has certainly thrived be meeting Saint Accord on 14 lb under his direction and he, in better terms than when she was

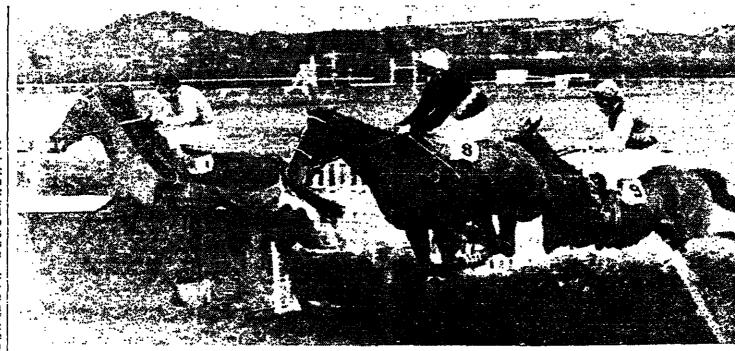
That was Chance a Look's first race this season and it is reasonable to suppose that she will be all the better for it. Red Rohan would be extremely dangerous if judged on his three good races at Cheitenham in the autumn, but he races there on Saturday, the Panama Cigar Hurdle (qualifying race) and the Ladbroke Bristol Dragonara Handican Steeplechase, each with £1,000 added. The Panama Cigar Hurdle final is due to be run there with £6,500 added on March \$2. Steeplechase. Khan recently beat What a Buck at Ludiow and What Buck underlined that form winning his next race.

Bladon, another runner from Fred Winter's stable at Plumpton. will be meeting Young Robert on 5 lb worse terms than when they met last in the Free Handleap Hurdle at Chapstow, when they meet in the December Handicap Hurdle. Bladon finished just behind Young Robert at Chepstow. In the circumstances it goes against the grain to oppose Young Robert.

Bouzeuki, third in his first race at Lingfield Park, albeit 12 lengths behind Prince Antoine and Pierino is likely to start favourite for the of the property of the propert more competitive handicap at Win-

King Neptune, my selection for the Hampton Novices Handicap Hurdle at Warwick, was far from disgraced in his last race at Newbury, where he finished fourth behind Border Incident. The Stoneleigh Handicap Steeplechase may be won by Highland Explorer, who has won the Watneys Special Handicap Steeplechase over the course already this season, beating Tudor View, who won his next race at Sandown Park.

STATE OF GOING (Official) . Catwork: Steepinchase, good to soft; [jurdeb., soft: Plumpton: Soft. [jornorrow: Caterick: Good. Towcester: Soft.



Favourite style. Papa Noel, ridden by Paul Kelleway, takes the last flight of hurdles just behind Bungebah, whom be went on to beat by five lengths in the Ivy Handicap Hurdle at Leicester. Iledoit Mi way (Redvers Weaver) takes up the rear.

event, in which he is set to carry

Hennessey Gold Cup runner-up, Iceman, one of Fred Rimell's two Grand National hopes, the other being Rough House. Even Dawn, always among the leaders, joined the favourite Even Sall, on whom Christopher Thompson Jones made much of the running, after the

He jumped the three fences in He jumped the three fences in the straight ahead of Even Sail, who rallied on the run-in, but, at the post Even Dawn and Ron Hyett had one length and a half to spare over the Newmarket challenger. Nether Edge was a promising third, a further seven lengths away.

not go to Aintree, but I hope to find a suitable race for him at Cheltenham, probably the National Hunt Handicap Chase." Fred Rimell captured the Misle. toe Hurdle with the 11-8 favourite Don Pasquale who, jumping to the

Warwick selections

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

hard work done in British rugby in the previous eight years and to feast off some of the fruits

a desperately unambitious game that many of their supporters . . were so bored with the football

they did not even bother to watch

Warming to his combatant

theme, Reason says the manage-

ment went to South Africa with

the traditional tin hat and slit

trench mentality of British teams

in that country. In spite of winning more than 70 per cent of the ball, the Lions used their backs to stop

the other side and to return the ball to the forwards. "To some

people the end justified the means
they were not remorely concerned about the battle for the

hearts and minds of the young, and of the enthusiasm of all those

in the previous eight years and a succession of opponents—he to feast off some of the fruits finds the 1974 forwards as being while touring through a barren land. "Yet the Lions played such their predecessors. It he appears to

forwards' tour. The backs were there just to make up the number. They had no significant influence They had no significant influence and J. J. Williams could have cut

Warwick programme

12.30 WARWICK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £204: 21m)

1.0 SHIRLEY STEEPLECHASE (Div 1 : Novices : £204 : 2m)

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Even Dawn, the winner of the Holly Handicap Steeplechase at Leicester vesterday, has earned himself a place in the £7,500 Whitbread Northern Handicap Trophy have run for Mary Curtis, in winse to have run for Mary Curtis, in which will be supported by the support of the suppor

Although the course escaped the

fence.

For Bob Davies, who rode

Near and Far, it was a twentyfourth winner of the season, seven
less than the leading rider, Tommy

Stack. The second division of this
event went to Hazelstyn, who was
a show back in East Anglia for a
season and a half before being
bought at Leicester sales three
years ago by Mrs Ann Clerk-

10-year-old prone to leg trouble, in the Christmas Pudding Selling Handicap Hurdle, led to the trainer, Jack Hardy, appearing be-fore the stewards. Hardy was asked to explain the grey's running as compared with his show-

occasions, because he had left the course, and the inquiry was post-poned until the next Leicester meeting on December 30 for Holland's explanation. Sea Dragon, who was retained without a bid, was Hardy's forty-ninth winner over jumps and on the flat this year.

Cup and Northumberland Plate, is to retire until next summer. "The little fellow obviously needs a rest", the owner, Peter O'Sullevan, said at Leicester, "and he is to have a good long holiday."

The Queen Mother's Game Spirit, who pulled up lame in Saturday's S.G.B. Handicap Steeplechase, is on the mend. A spokesman for Fulke Walwyn's Lambourn stable said: "He is sound, and there is a big improve-

Gilber, sponsors of the Gimerack Stakes, should settle a disputed £2,000 bet with Ladbrokes, But, Crawford and Gilbey are now considering making an application in the Queen's Beach Division of the High Court to have the Tattersall ruling set aside.

The dispute arose over a bet of \$40,000 to \$2,000 against the 1973 Gimerick Stakes winner, Giacometti, being successful in a classic race during the 1974 flat season. Crawford and Gilbey maintain that the bet was cancelled prior to the 1974 Derby when Ladbroke's agreed to pay £15,000 to the Stable Lads' Welfare Trust, with a further contingent nayment of £5,000 if contingent payment of £5,000 if Giacometti won the Derby. Crawford and Gilbey said that. pending a final decision, they will pay over the £2,000 to the book

makers. Giacometti was second in this year's 2,000 Guineas, third in the Derby, and second in the St Apprentice scores 515th

victory in one year

Laurei, Maryland, Dec 16 .-Apprentice jockey Christopher McCarron, equalled the world record here today for the most victories in a single year with number 515. He rode a horse called Themistocles to victory and thereby equalled the record set by Sandy Hawley at Laurel Park on December 31, 1973.—AP.

that general problem to see what night be done to speed up the process, with particular emphasis, perhaps, on the manicial difficulties which arise, and to see if some kind of firancial bridging help might be appropriate?

Would be consider, if it is a fact, that hotel buildings used as staff hostels may represent by the very nature of that use an even greater hazard than an hotel building used

hazard than an hosel building used for normal botel purposes? He will recall the Islington incident. Will he consider tightening standards for this type of hostel accommodesion?

MR JENKINS—There is a major problem here. We are making progress. In the Greater London Council area, out of 1,489 applicarions received, 1,475 have been surveyed to a recent date but only a relatively small number of fire certificates have been issued, and as was the case with these prem-

it is in hand.

It is no good pretending we can solve these problems overnight. The responsibility is mainly that of the local authorities in London and elsewhere operating under the 1971 Act and the regulations of 1972. We shall give them every encouragement but there is a major prob-

ises there is much work to do

The premises were within the The premises were within the scope of the Hotels and Boarding Houses Order, 1972. They had applied for a certificate. I will see if there is some special pattern associated with use as a bostel as opposed to an hotel. I am not sure whether there would be validity in that point.

MR KENNETH CLARKE (Rush-cliffe, C)—This Nottinghamshire old people's home was modern and well appointed. It was also well administered. There is full confi-dence in the local inquiries into there and how best they can not in any panic mongering with the problems highlight this tragic occurrence in No Notwithstanding that the Clasp with the system of building ploneered in this tragic hamshire.

on fire precautions some local expectation that he will MR ROY JENKINS, Home order a wider public inquiry so that other users and all of us can

PARLIAMENT, Dec 16, 1974

Finance Bill change

to assist work

House of Commons

were rescued by emergency means, I very much regret to say that seven persons, including one

fireman, were killed. Three other

firemen were injured.

The premises fail within the scope of the Fire Precautions (Hotels and Boarding Houses)

Order, 1972. Application has been made for a fire certificate and the premises had been inspected and the necessary work specified, but it had not yet been carried

Out.

The London Fire Brigade are

conducting a full inquiry into the cause of the fire, and I will decide in the light of the outcome of that inquiry whether there is a need for further action on my

The other fire occurred at Fair-

field, an old people's home, at Edwalton, Nottinghamshire, shortly before 2 am in the morn-

ing of Sunday, December 15.
Although two fire appliances arrived within six minutes of receipt of the fire call, the fire spread rapidly, and resulted in the deaths of 18 people.

These premises consisted of a single-storey number shell build.

single-storey, purpose-built building, comprising a central core from which radiated a number of self-contained units each of eight or nihe bedrooms. The premises were equipped with smoke-stop doors, fire alarms and fire expenditures and markets.

tinguishers, and means of escape in accordance with the recommen-dation of the fire authority. The cause of the fire and its

place of origin are not yet known, but this is being investigated by

forensic science experts. The Secretary of State for Social Ser-vices has called for a full report from Nortinghamshire County

MR ARTHUR LATHAM (City of

Westminster, Paddington, Lab)— These were two dreadful tragedies. Until 18 months ago the Padding-ton building was in full use as an

botel, some two years after the passing of the 1971 Act. This is alarmingly significant. Will be confirm that in London four out of five hotels do not comply with

safety regulations?

Could be establish a study into

Council on the circumstances.

Secretary (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab), made a statement about the be reassured. two recent tragic fires.

He said: The first occurred at When the Secretary of State for Social Services asks for a report, could be ask her to bear in min the Grand Metropolitan Hotels staff hostel at 9-17 Clifton Gardens, London, W9, shortly after 3 am on Friday, December 13. The premises comprise five interlinked terrace houses consisting of a basement and four storeys, the possibility in this case that the difficulty was in no way lack of the precautions or proper facilities? Many of the residents of the home were bedridden, very infire or immobile or too disabled to take with an attic. The fire developed rapidly in the upper part of the building, and although 19 people

agrantage of the precaptions. Could advice be given to loce authorities on keeping down the proportion of those totally intuitible in these larger homes or look ing at the staffing arrangements c the manner of exit available? MR JENKINS-This was not a

old building but was built in 195; 60. The Clasp system refers not t a technical description but to consortium of local authority built ings originating in his county ar used for a variety of purposes. I will consider urgently whether there is any problem arising. But would be wrong for us or ti country to say these buildings we unsafe. Fire tragedies alas tal place in a wide variety of buil ings. The most rigorous investi-ation will take place. It would n ation will take place. It would not right automatically to assume has something to do with the ty of building although we will leat this. My powers to order inquiry in relation to fire press tion and precautions activity in authority is limited under the 19 Act. Mrs Castle will consider there are other aspects of the meter which night call for a publiquiry. I do not want to prejud this. Mrs Castle is going to No linghamshire to see the position of the state of the st

inghamshire to see the p and get reports on the spot. and get reports on the spot.

SIR KEITH JOSEPH (Lee North-East: C)—Would be a sider initiating a departmen review of the working of the F Precautions Act, 1971? We und stand the scope of the task that to be done to protect the remaing buildings against fire, but should consider the delays and information in the three inculting intolered in the three in the standard in the three interests. ferent stages of inspection, fin cing and execution of the wo Would be consider a departmen

As to the fire at Fairfield, he accept that in the light of fact that this was a purpose-b bome, that there were a la number of deaths and that the will inevitably be widespread a cern and probably lessons widespread application, the Set tary of State for Social Serv will be asked why she has decided to have a public inquiry MR JENKINS—On the la

part. I do not understand that Castle has begun to decide the public inquiry is not called for.

Ministers inevitably have respond to questions at sinotice and it is undesirable the minister should be forced int snap decision one way or other, which would be premat It is right that Mrs Castle sh-see the position as she is tomor see the position as sue is follow morning, then make up her m perhaps in junction with me probably it will be primaril matter for her, whether a pu inquiry would be justified. The no question of either her or having begun to close our m

against that at this stage.
On a departmental review of 1971 Act. I will consider anymestion of this sort. The Act not make the fire hazard gre but it makes it more obvious.
a step forward, but no expres
in this House can alter over don and throughout the rest o

country.
On financing, there is an it tion on the part of the Treasurable a Government amendmenthe Finance Bill which will mi limited improvement, but I bc worthwhile one, on the fina aspect of this matter. On other aspects, I will pres local authorities responsible

so far as I can, give encourage and guidance for the effective plementation of the Act. If I I a review would help, I would willing to consider it. It would be useful the said if those responsible for rut such homes, which exist in public buildings throughout country in a wide variety, we seek guidance from the chief officer or the local fire service high level as to the condi

£503m on food subsidies helping to hold prices

MR NEUBERT (Havering, Romford, C) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Pro-tection what was the latest esti-mate of the total cost of food subsidies for the current financial

MR MacLENNAN, Under Secretary (Caithness and Sutherland, Lab)—About £503m. (A Conservative cry of "Shame".)

of inflation. With prices rising at an annual rate of 18 per cent and wage increases at 24 per cent wage increases at 24 per cent average since July, it is time he made representations to the Employment Secretary on the soc-ial contract, the existence of which is greatly exaggerated, that he should fulfil his part of the bar-gain.

MR MacLENNAN—The financial limits to the subsidy programme have been made clear. But they do offer a valuable contribution to holding the rise in the retail price index and at present save over one and a half points and on the food index six points.

MR TOMLINSON (Meriden,

public borrowing requirement find alternatives to scrappin subsidies programme. They we found when the Chancellor duces his weakh tax and revenue by taxation. MR MacLENNAN - A every MP has his own viet

Lab)-Those concerned about

how best to limit the borr requirement. The Labour G MR NEUBERT—He cannot, single-handedly, by open-ended subsidy, stem the cause and effects ment's are different from the the Conservative's,

MR CORMACK Staffordshire, C)—The G
ment are stoking the fires
flation by this pathetic was
public money. He should
clean and realize the elect Over and discard the most (sive camouflage which the public has ever had to pay fo

MR MacLENNAN-Con

More tax than subsidy

MR GOW (Eastbourne, C) asked if the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection would rake steps designed to ensure that less than 52 per cent of the esti-mated cost of food subsidies in the current financial year would be received by households with an income about £50 a week.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS-The changes in direct taxation introduced by the present Government are ensuring that the cost of the food subsidies programme is borne by households with incomes of mer £50 a week.

It is not part of our policy to require people to undergo a means lest before receiving the benefit of

MR GOW-Bearing in mil Prime Minister's words that facing the gravest crisis sid war, does she think it is the our present economic c stances that more than £2 year should go in subsidies t ilies with an income of mor £50 a week? (Conse cheers.)

MRS WILLIAMS—It is d for me to get this point over Opposition. The position i the additional taxation on : earning £60 a week is greate the benefit from subsidy. fore it does not mean at a they gain in subsidy becaus more than pay for it.

Even Dawn to miss Aintree in favour of Cheltenham

Holly Handicap Steeplechase at Leicester vesterday, has earned himself a place in the £7,500 Whitbread Northern Handleap Trophy at Newcastle in January, Mrs Gaze's seven-year-old does not incur a penalty for the Newcastle

10st 12lb. Among his rivals could be the

turn for home.

Mrs Gaze, who trains Even Dawn at Ross-on-Wye, has now won 11 races with the chestout since she bought him in Ireland three years ago. She said: "Even Dawn will

colours he has won three times since being bought unbroken at Ascot sales.

torrential rain which hit many parts of the Midlands during the parts of the Midlands during the morning, the going was still testing and it was an outstanding performance in the circumstances on the part of the 3-1 favourite, Papa Noel, to come from behind to win the Ivy Handicap Hurdle in the hands of Paul Kelleway by five lengths from the topweight, Bungebah. It was the chestmut's third win from four outings this season.

season. John Edwards, a Leominster trainer, has won more than 19,000 in mine successes this season. Near and Far took the first division of the Christmas Tree Novices Steeplechase in good style from Jolly Sailor and Flying Fred, after the favourite, Honest Lawyer, parted company with his rider at the seventh fence. feuce.

years ago by Mrs Ann Clerk-Brown.

ing in a similar event at Catterick Bridge nine days previously. However, the stewards were un-able to interview Steven Holland. who partnered the horse on both occasions, because he had left the

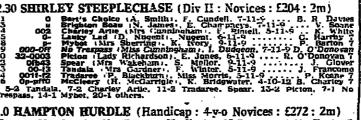
Attivo, winner of five of his 10 races in 1974 including the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle, Chester Cup and Northumberland Plate, is

sound, and there is a big improve-ment."

Tattersall's Committee, which adjudicates on all betting disputes, yesterday ruled that Crawford and

2.0 UPTON HURDLE (Handicap: 5442: 2m) Kingdom (CD) : Ma! Gibson , W. Wishman, 9-11-9 C. Harrhy 7 All Spirit (D) : C. Cleary , F. Rimell, 5-11-7 K. White Current Romance , R. Warmington , H. Nicholson, R-11-6 D. Cartwright writter's worid (D) with Dednian', R. Edwards, 6-10-1
Downing Arms, 7. Foulds: D. Ringer, 4-10-0 ... C. Critin
Spartan (CD) W. Calstrey, M. Tale, 5-10-0 ... R. R. Evan
Zeus Line (D) Mai Marveri, G. Baiding, 5-10-0 ... I. Rovard
Cortado (R. Harrey, F. Wawarn, 5-10-0 ... L. Howard
Prims Boy Mrs McMahon; R. McMahon, B-10-6 ... J. C. Nell
Clipcicp (D) (J. Herney, Terrey, 6-10-0 ... P. Campbell
Travens (D) H. Eills: T. Taylor, 4-10-0 ... M. Soics
Tyour Nihs (M. Red., Helf F-10-0 ... M. Soics
Tyour Nihs (M. Red., Helf F-10-0 ... L. GloveHaddon Boy (J. Bossey, Mosley, J-10-0 ... K. Magubu,
11-2 Downing Arms, 6-1 Cornmarket, 7-1 Dallvaide, 8-1 Whicker's
it Romance, 10-1 Kingdom, 12-1 All Spiril, Littlegood Brau, Prims
Sting Gold, 20-1 others.

2.30 SHIRLEY STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £204: 2m)



3.0 HAMPTON HURDLE (Handicap: 4y-o Novices: £272: 2m) CON HURDLE (Handicap: 4v-o Novices: £272: 2m)

Acurola (Mrs George), W. Chartes, 12-7. Mr Charles 7

Chy Princess: (D. Garlield), T. Healey, 12-7. Mr Brookes 5

Feathered Arrow (B. Savage), Savage 12-7. Mr Brookes 5

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King Neptune (J. Ort. Bayley), S. Palmer, 10-12. T. Slack

Viking Spirit (H. Zetsal), S. Mellor, 10-11. J. Glover

King Neptune (J. Joel), R. Turnell, 10-3. A. Turnell

Manny Factory (Mrs Mison), F. Forgate 10-7. Mr. Glover

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Manny Factory (Mrs Leeger), Compale 10-7. D. Sundernand

Bowbrook (Mrs Leeger), D. Nicholson, 10-7. G. Edmunds 5

Baiek (Mrs Porry), J. Edwards, 10-7. J. Watkinson

"Wild Talk (Mrs Dent), R. Vibert, 10-7. J. Barlow 7

Great Walte (R. Hilman), G. Balding, 10-7. J. Barlow

Mandy Jayne (Mrs George), W. Charles, 10-7. R. Ralley

Mandy Jayne (Mrs George), W. Charles, 10-7. R. Barley

Warn Welcoma (Mrs Gaze), Nrs Gaze, 10-7. R. Nevet

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By Our Racing Correspondent 12.30 Quintus. 1.0 King Credo. 1.30 Highland Explorer. 2.0 Spartan. Plumpton selections 2.30 Charley Arlie. 3.0 King Neptune.

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Khan. 1.15 Otago Gold. 1.45 Chance a Look, 2.15 Good Relations. 2.45 Young Robert. 3.15 Miller Boy.

2.30 (2.31) CHRISTMAS TREE STEEPLECHASE (DIV II: 6272' 17-y-0: 6442; 5m; Don Pasquale, ch, g, by Doudance Query Mark (Mrs A. Brown).

1973, 11 st 4 Mrs A. Brown).

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STERPLECHASE (Div II: £272'

13-31'

Hazalestyre, b m. by Le Tricoloro
Query Mark (Mrs A. Brown).

1973, 11 st 4 lb A. Webber (3-1)

Markaralah, b g, by Indian Ruier—
Fitmark (Mr A. Stoven). 5973.

10 st 9 lb ... D Sunderland (7-1)

Greek Ancostor, br g, by Agamemnon—Somerwel House (1ady T.

Agnew), 5973. 10 st 9 lb

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Something To

Hide. 4-1 Bhitshah (4th.) 10-1 Lucy

Soe (pu., 11-1 Sob Castelle, 12-1)

Exployer (pu., Lovers Run (pu., Forest
of Wychwood (f), 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 31p: places, 15p. 23p.

61p. J. Webber, at Banbury, 71. Si.

1.52 (1.32) CHRISTMAS TREE STEEPLECHASE (Div I: SCITC: Clym) Noar And Far, ch h, by Crepello— Near And Dear (Mrs C. Paxton). 5-12-0 ... B, R. Davies (6-1) Jolly Salior, ch h, by Galivanter— Slarboard Beam (Mr T. Shrimpton), 5-11-0 A. Webber (5-1) Flying Frod, b g, by Dumbarnie— Romivigiall (Mr G. Baccle), 5-10-6 ... J. Fox (12-1) 3.150 RAN: 9-4 fav Horest Lawyer (u) H-1 Copper Canyon, 9-1 Zarawyn (ui) H-1 Copper Canyon, 9-1 Jarawyn (uii) H-1 Copper Canyon, 9-1 Jarawyn (uiii) H-1 Copper Canyon, 9-1 Jarawyn (uii) H-1 Copper Canyon (uii) H-1 Copper Canyo ALSO RAN: 7-1 Granel (16-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 7-1 Granel (16-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 7-1 Granel (16-1) 3 RUSH'S Giff. The Prince. 16-1 Gid ROWNEY 19: 0-1 Cartiwheel. Littletown Rowney 19: 0-1 Cartiwheel. Littletown Sands 11 (pr. Hansom (p), Indian Sands 11 (pr. Hansom (p), Indian Sunset (p). 15 fan. TOTE: Win. 50p: places. 31p. 24p. 42p. J. Edwards, at Leominster. 61 Si. 11.J. 71. Quagmire did not run.

betrayal of the traditions of British rugby with its great herit-age of back play. There was indeed a lot of kicking."

Maintaining that the Lions were

nothing like as good as those of 1971—nor faced with as demanding

weaken his case by saying there was no comparison between the two touring sides behind the scrum-

mage, he counter-attacks resolutely with the observation that the backs

them to pleces if J. P. R. Williams had been encouraged to set them

up."
He thinks the 1971 tour, with

Carwyn James as coach and John Dawes as captain, reflected the artitudes of Lianelli, London Welsh

and Wales at that time, whereas the 1974 tour embraced the aspira-tions and philosophies of Bally-mens, Ballymens and Ireland. Mr

Reason Clearly believes the Llons took a sledgehammer to crack a nut. I doubt if Ballymena's distin-

guished duo will be buying up copies of his book to give away at

Request for Government to Lions in a corner eating humble Christmas pie help safety measures An attempt to force Govern- which the sporting organizations

ment grants towards statutory safety work at sports grounds was made in the Lords yesterday by Lord Wigg, the former chairman of the Horserace Betting Lory Board. On the third reading of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill, he tabled an amendment which would allow for safety at stadia and grounds, payments equal to the annual sum made available to the Arts Council.

The amendment suggested con-sultation between the Secretary of State, the Central Council for Physical Recreation and the Sports Lord Wigg said he had tabled the amendment, which he later withdrew, to give the Government

a further opportunity of reconsidering their policy. He said: "The ering their policy. He said: "The Government has introduced the Bill. It imposes obligations, some of which, over the years could grow to be very massive in their consequences and it (the Government) makes the proofficing about ment) makes no provision about finance."

mante. The Bill, a House of Lords measure, follows the Wheatley report on the Ibrox Park football ground disaster. It provides for safety certificates for grounds with a capacity of 10,000 or more cover-ing the maximum size of the crowds, the number of exits, and the provision of crush barriers. Earl Cowley, from the Opposi-tion front bench, said: "It is wrong for the Government to use public funds for remedying risks

impossible for monics to be made available on the scale referred to by Lord Wigg. If this amendment were passed we should commit ourselves to expenditure of up to E9 million for sports stadia and football grounds and I do not think that many people would consider this an urgent priority for public funds in the present circumstances of the nation." rcumstances of the nation."
There would be rights of appeal against criteria which might be considered by any club to be unreasonable. The Bill was read a third time and passed. It will now be considered by the Commons.

> Ice hockey NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston Bruins
> 5, New York Islandurs 2; Les Anseles
> Kings 5. New York Kangor 2: Loil
> fornic Golden Scale 6. Buffalo Sabres
> 5: Pilisburth Penguins 3. Detroil Red
> Wings 2: Pilisdeiphia Flycts 7. St
> Louis Blues 2; Washington Gauliols 3.
> Toronto Mapio Leals 1 "Chicine Bluck
> Hawks 3. Vancouver Ganucks 2 Golf

The Minister of State, Home

The Minister of State, Home Office, Lord Harris of Greenwich, replied that Lord Wigg had claimed the Arts Council was to get 16m more. That figure was contained in the council's reports for 1973-74 as the amount which was needed but no such grant had yet been agreed.

Lord Harris said: "It is quite

with four defeats, would need to be elevated to unexpected heights.

Accordingly, the author asserts was all that mattered . . . It was a

Peter West

In best interests of Britain and EEC that speedy progress be made in renegotiations

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime linister (Huyton, Lab), in a state-ent on last week's meeting in its of the heads of government the European Community and e conclusion set out in a commique published as a White

The House will see from the hite Paper that a considerable rt of the discussions related to produvide issues, in particular the onomic situation, trade, employent and inflation.

A high priority was given by all us to the problems posed by world threat of general ession, and in this connexion discussed the policies to be lowed by individual countries. Community, and the wider

The Federal German Chancellor at with the problems alt with the problems facing his n country on which announce-nts were subsequently made by government in the German cliament. Since they involve a stantial measure of reflation by urplus country. I am sure all us in this House will warmly come them.

in energy we sought to get an proved consensus of views ween of the European Governors and the United States, and particular the possibility fer cooperation between sorting and oil-importing coun-5. This meant that the French sident in his discussions this send with the President of the ted States would have a clearer 4 of the ideas and hopes of of us on these matters. ooperation in the field of rgy 15 to be pursued further a meeting of energy Ministers Brussels tomorrow (Tuesday), n the renegotiation of the ns on which Britain entered Community in 1971, I primed the other heads of eriment of the position of HM eriment, and the particular es to which we attach high rrity; the issues set out in election manifesto in February endorsed again by the people October. I informed them of terms of the speech I made

ibstantial progress was made the question of Britain's getary contribution to the munity and appropriate in-ctions given to the Commuinstitutions, so that they now get to work to set as soon as possible the rrecting mechanism " referred the communiqué. We intend " referred have a firm proposal and sion on this by the early

published, anxiety has been expressed by MPs and others about two matters. The one relates to the principle of majority woding, and the Luxembourg compromise.

promise.

I can assure the House that there is no question at all—and that this was clear in the minds of all the heads of Government—of any member state, when important national interests are at stake, being required to set those interests aside as a result of a majority voting procedure.

The communicate makes the

The communiqué makes it plain that each country will continue to be free to maintain our respective positions regarding the Luxembourg compromise of 1966. What the meeting had in mind was the undesirability of having too frequent a recourse to the yeto, where for example relatively. veto, where for example relatively minor matters were involved. The other issue related to the desire of most heads of government to make progress towards the election of the European Assembly by universal suffrage. I made it clear that the British Government could not take up any position on this question until after the renegotiations are com-plete and the results submitted to the British people for decision. This was specifically reserved in the communique as a "Statement by the British Prime Mimster".

Modest results

On institutional matters generally, the House will have seen that the Prime Minister of Belgium, M Tindemans, has been invited to prepare a report on the gium, sa lindemans, has been invited to prepare a report on the institutional development of the Community, so that this can be considered by a meeting of heads of government a year or more from not be the considered by a meeting of heads of government a year or more

The heads of government also reached decisions on the regional development fund. The fund will be endowed with 1,300m units of account (about 5540m) over the three years 1975 to 1977. Twentyeight per cent of the fund will be allocated to this country.

Our net share of the fund could turn out to be about £50m in all. Compared with the Government's own regional expenditure of about £500m a year the results will naturally be modest. I was particularly concerned to press upon our colleagues the importance of national governments, such as our own, particu-larly at a time of anxiety about employment, being able to act speedily with existing, and where necessary, novel means of providing national aids for regional em-ployment and regional develop-

action should not oftend against the Community rules of fair competition, nor amount to competitive bidding, one country against another, in order to attract some new development, for example by an American-owned company.

I have referred to institutional aspects of the Community. There is a general wish, which I share, to have important decisions taken quickly and effectively at the pollical level, both by foreign and other ministers and by heads of government themselves.

The meetings in Paris was in effect the first European Council. In future there will be three of these meetings a year, and more if they are required to deal with particular problems. They will be concerned both wish Community matters and with important questions of policy, for example on world energy and related world finance problems, outside the Community area.

Our partners in the conference

Our partners in the conference were left in no doubt that while we were not dissatisfied with the progress made on the budgetary question, there was a substantial number of other matters on which we should expect satisfaction.

There is still a long way to go if Britain's essential requirements are to be met, and it is in the best interests both of this country and of Europe that speedy progress be made and the issues decided. These questions will be taken up in meetings, early in the New Year, of the Council of Ministers, and, as appropriate, at the next heads of government meeting to be held in the new year in Dublin under the Presidence of the Union under the Presidency of the Irish

MR HEATH, Leader of the Opposition (Bexley, Sidcup, C)—We welcome the conclusions of the summit and the fact that the Prime Minister put his name to every-thing in the communique, with the reservation about direct elections. It is apparent that the summit was in itself an important meeting which decided to implement and carry firstler decisions reached as carry further decisions reached at the Paris summit of 1972 and the Copenhagen summit a year ago.

The work of the heads of government seems to have divided itself into a number of groupings. We welcome those to improve the working of the Community and working or the community and particularly the fact that it will be possible for foreign ministers to deal with political cooperation at the same time, which has always been a controversial matter. It is an important decision that the Luxembourg compromise should be renounced. This is not quite as

On this I found full inderstanding among the other heads of government.

I emphasized of course that such action should not offend against the Community rules of fair competition, nor amount to competitive bidding, one country against another, in order to ampact some new development, for example by an American-owned company.

I have referred to institutional aspects of the Community. There is a general wish, which I share, to have important decisions taken quickly and effectively at the policourse the right to preserve national interests remains:

We welcome the group of proposals which will affect people in the Community. The study of common passport legislation and common add legislation will be a step forward and bind people in the Community closer together.

I welcome the fact that the heads of government agreed they would pursue the Paris summit agreement of achieving the overall concept of European union and stuck to the date of achieving this by 1980.

The method of approach of the Belgian Prime Minister producing a report on this by the end of 1975 is a good way of handling the matter. I welcome the fact that the Prime Minister and conference consumed that the objective of economic and monetary union was still there and not changed.

The House will welcome the work done by the summit in dealing with inflation and the danger of unemployment. This, I would have thought, was an admirable example of member states in the Community helping each other when the necessary occasion arises.

We welcome the establishment

We welcome the establishment of the regional development fund. It is only half of what we had hoped but it is a beginning on which all governments can work. Although £60m is a small proportion compared with what we
spend, £60m is a large amount
compared with the budgetary contribution of this country towards
the Community as a whole.
On the question of the budget we
welcome the fact that we are now
dealing with it in the interests of
the Community as a whole and not
only Britain.

was a worthwhile summit and all the agreements point to a dynamic Community working with determination towards a solution of immediate problems and stronger European unity in the long term. (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON—Mr Heath is entitled to send contribute. ittled to read anything he wishes into the communiqué. He will recognize that certainly it was a more successful summit than the one he attended at Paris which laid down a large number of unattainable objectives which have bedevilled the Community ever since. As for Copenhagen they never tried to reach agreement on any-thing except the regional fund and on that they falled to get agree-

I agree with what he said on political cooperation. This has been much pressed by the Foreign Secretary. He says that compared with the original formulation of the Community much greater active by foreign ministers acting as poincial cooperation. This has been much pressed by the Foreign Secretary. He says that compared with the original formulation of the Community much greater active by foreign ministers discussing world did not get anything at all. He

would all want to use it from time to time but not over-use it.

Regarding the question of European union, it is a desirable objective but there was no agreement on what it meant at the Paris summit two years ago and when there was a meeting of the Council of Ministers at Easter the Foreign Secretary asked each of the other eight what they mean by it and there was no agreement whatsoever was no agreement whatsoever about what the phrase means.

It means what individual coun-tries want it to mean and we are tries want it to mean and we are happy to go along with the reference to European union. I am not sure Mr Heath has ever defined clearly what he means by it.

Regarding Mr Heath's reference to economic and monetary union which he glibly accepted in Paris two years ago, this again has never been properly defined. There was an attempt to operate the snake for a few weeks which collapsed following the floating of sterling by lowing the floating of sterling by the Conservative Government.

Denial of concept

I did not find anyone in Paris who believed there was the remo-test possibility of the economic and monetary union commended by Mr Heath by 1980. The view expressed by some of our leading colleagues was that it would not become a reality in the near

When Mr Heath rightly praised the action taken by particular countries following different eco-nomic policies that is a total denial of the concept of immediate or early European economic and monетагу шиоп.

A simple union, as was strongly pointed out, would mean one cen-tral bank, one central currency, one central finance minister, and would mean that every country would have to pursue the same policy with that single currency when the need at the present time is for Germany to reflate and for others to draw in their horns con-

siderably. We accept it as a long-term

we got cash.

What is much more important, What is much more important, especially in the present world situation, is the need for reasonable freedom to be able to follow national policies of regional help without it being questioned by fussy interference by the Commission or anybody else. I wish Mr Heath had made that plain when he negociated the terms of entry in 1971.

On the budget, what we did was

On the budget, what we did was to turn a form of words agreed in 1972 into procedures and instructions for the institutions of the Community, namely the Council and the Commission, to create a correcting mechanism on the basis we asked.

We asked.

It is clear, as it was in Mr
Heath's day, that in the years immediately ahead the cost of entry
into the Common Market will be a
net dishalance to Britain. When it
comes to the 1980s with North Sea oil and the rest of it if the terms of renegotiation are such that we are still in the Market we would feel it right that we should make a bigger contribution while making a smaller contribution in the late 1970s.

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Batter-sea, North, Lab)—What Mr Wilson said about the Luxembourg agree-ment was not what was in the ment was not what was in the communique—(cheers)—and as it is rather important to be clear on the issue, will he say clearly if we renounced the Luxembourg agreement of the clear of the c

MR WILSON—We have renounced the practice of making agreement on all questions one of unanimous consent, whatever the conclusions reached on January 28, MR RUSSELL JOHNSTON (Inverness, L)—How does the Prime Minister square the speeding of political decisions with the refusal to improve the democratization of the Community and the rejection of any movement towards supranationalism in regard to the Luxemboure agreement?

bourg agreement?

He referred in approbatory terms to the German Chancellor. Will he take this opportunity to reject the remarks of Mr John Ryman (Blyth, Lab) who described him as a "parronizing Hun". MR WILSON-I deplore that

remark. I very much regret anything said about a distinguished visitor of that kind—(cheers)—and I do not like phrases which even hint at racialism. (Further cheers.) If by democratization, Mr John-ston means direct elections, those are matters which can all be con-sidered if and when satisfactory terms arise from renegotiations and the British people accept

MR BOTTOMLEY (Teesside, Middlesbrough, Lab)—Are the renegotiations Mr Wilson is conducting within the terms of the Labour Party manifesto at the last general election?

MR WILSON—Yes entirely.
(Conservative laughter.) They are indeed entirely consistent with what we asked for in 1966 and 1967. 1967.

There are seven points on which we are insisting. We have made good progress on the budgetary one and one or two others may not appear as difficult as they did, like

VAT where harmonization seems almost a dirty word in the Community and I have referred to EMU in this connexion as totally If we get the terms set out in the manifesto, approved by the British people in two elections, we have got what we set out to get. If we do not, we shall have to make other arrangements.

MR ROY HUGHES (Newport. Lab)—Mr Wilson has given the impression of blowing up minor concessions into major triumphs. concessions into major triumpns. (Conservative laughter and cheers.) Ordinary people are not going to be fooled by that—(cheers)—even though he may temporarily have the support of The Times, the BBC and almost every other organ of the media who have practised every manner of distortion and censorship to prevent the facts being presented. MR WILSON—If Mr Hughes has been fooled by the Tory press about what happened last week there is no ministerial responsibil-

I asserted that there had been limited progress on one point of the seven. I hope he will deduce from that that there is still a long

MR MACKINTOSH (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab)—The sooner renegotiation is over the better, because then the better, because then the Community can work together on the problems of recession, the energy shortage, and inflation. MR WILSON-In the interests of all of us it is vital to make progress, so the British people can make a decision, and so everyone here and other parts of Europe know where they are.

MR ATKINSON (Haringey, Tot-enham, Lab)—Has the Prime tenham, Labi—Has the Prime Minister any misgivings about our seemingly total acceptance of the Treaty of Accession? Has he any regrets having said that he, personally, will advise the British people to accept the conclusion of the ple to accept the conclusion of the negotiations, in advance of any decision by the Labour Party con-ference? (Conservative laughter.) MR WILSON-When I attacked

the Treaty of Accession in this House in Opposition I was referring to the terms negotiated in 1971. I thought they were deplorable. It is clear that Mr Heath was a soft touch, and was so regarded in Europe. I beliere the terms can be renegotiated within the context of the Treaty of Accession.

That does not mean we have to lay down under the appalling sur-render on sugar. The sugar problems the housewife is facing in this country are due to the sell-out by Mr Heath's government on the sugar terms.

The terms of the Treaty of The terms of the Treaty of Accession are to be varied not by changes in the treaty, if we are successful, but by changing the terms which Mr Heath negotiated three years ago. We are making some progress—not fast enough—but considering what Mr Heath gave away we are not doing badly. What I said about commending this was entirely in accordance with our manifesto. I stand by the manifesto. I stand by the requirements we have set out and if we can get them it stands to reason that I can commend them to the country. If not, we will have to make other arrangements.

MR THORPE (North Devon L)—We welcome Mr Wilson's return to health, both physical and European. We recognize all the reservations, the cautions, conditions and apprehensions, the stric-tures on the inadequacy of the Opposition in their negotiations and all that, but many of us think the thing is going well and we congratulate him.

MR WILSON-I am not exactly sure what caused my disability. (Conservative shout of "Sleeping sickness".) I was glad to get back to some good, plain English food and beer. (Laughter.) MR MARTEN (Banbury, C)-

What is meant by political umon? MR WILSON-I have not beard any clear definition of what political unity means. It is obviously desirable in principle but no one has said what they mean by it.

MR HEATH—Will the Prime
Minister abandon this sham of a Minister appropriation? He said he accepts the Treaty and the Treaty of Arcession. Let him tell the Accession. Let him tell the country honestly that he is using the normal machinery of the Community to make the necessary adjustments as we go along. (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON—We are using such machinery as is available to us to repair the damage he caused in the negotiations. On every single point where I have reserved our position today I reserved it specifically and in terms last week.

Revised

out on

price code

Wednesday

MR ALISON (Barkston Ash. C)

asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection

what monitoring of the effect of the cash flow position of smaller food manufacturing companies caused by price controls was undertaken by the department and how many redundancies or closures had occurred in this context.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—I keep in close touch with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Secretary of State

facturing industry and I have care-fully considered many represen-tations from the industry during the current review of the price

code. While there bave been some

'omplaining about inflation nd action to deal with it

R ADLEY (Christchurch and ngton, C) asked the Secretary rate for Prices and Consumer ction what was the increase e cost of living over the past

ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister tate (Swansea, West, Lab)—retail price index for Novemvas 18.3 per cent higher than igure for 1973. The increase the three months to Novem-vas 4.9 per cent. ADLEY-Why are senior

sters continually ducking busy embarrassing questions? skill and charm of the Secre-of State (Mrs Williams) cancompensate pensioners and le on fixed incomes for this lling and growing increase in cost of living. Will she try ersuade the Cabinet to introan effective incomes policy? WILLIAMS-Mrs Williams ducking questions—that is
The question of an inpolicy is for another

R JOHN GARRETT (Norwich, h, Lab) What effect has food ding had on the cost of living s in the past three months? R WILLIAMS—I am not sure, it has had an impact on the rship prospects of certain ervative politicians.

ghter.) R ROST (South East Derby-Classin the October election Williams said price rises were ing down, and the Chancellor the rate of inflation was 8.4 tent. Since then, price rises & WILLIAMS—Last month's

increases were still lower in January under the Conatives.

tere have been two abnormal irs on the food side. First and its milk, on which the is have been shouting for tased returns for the producer.

Second, the world price of sugar has passed through into manufac-tured goods like biscuits and

MRS OPPENHEIM (Gloucester, C)-The three-monthly rate of inflation of 8.4 per cent quoted by the Chancellor and the Secretary of State during the election is now the two-monthly rate. The three-monthly rate is 21.3 per cent. The nine and a half months of dreamland, fairy garden government is over, and it is becoming a waking nightmare for the people

of this country (Labour interrup-It is clear to everybody that the Government have no effective plans for tackling inflation. They have duped the electorate about the contract, and the economic situation. (Conservative cheers and Labour protests)

MR WILLIAMS-I .. thought she MR WILLIAMS—I thought she was going to blow a gasket! It is depressing, week after week, listening to the Opposition knocking every single action taken by the Government to try to contend with the price situation, while never coming forward with positive suggestions themselves.

MR RAISON (Aylesbury, C) durmk kalson (Ayiesbury, C) dur-ing later exchanges with the Secre-tary of State, said.—In the country's present economic condi-tion, we are in no position to go on increasing food subsidies indefinitely. It would be wrong to increase subsidies on commodities like bread to pay for huge rates wage inflation.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS The Opposition must accept that there is deep ambiguity in their position. Every month they com-plain about the rate of inflation every month they complain about actions the Government take to reduce it. (Labour cheers)

Preventing abuses in 'special offers'

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister Committee. I am sure that he would be glad to receive any sug-

MR WILLIAMS-She is correct. As one who does some of the family shopping, I am aware of the amoyance which the practice she has described can produce. This morning I spoke to the Director General about this matter and he assures me he hopes to bring forward some recommend-ations early in the new year. There will then have to be consultations

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State—The Director General of Fair Trading has invited evidence on misleading price comparisons, including abuses of the kind Mrs Hayman has in mind, with a view to a possible reference to the Consumer Protection Advisory MRS HELENE HAYMAN (Welwyn and Hatfield, Lab) asked whether the Secretary of State for (Welwyn and Hatnield, Lab) asked whether the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection would take measures to stop the abuses in pricing policy on tertain goods currently caused by "special offers" which worked to the disadvantage of the consumer.

gestions she cares to send him. MRS HAYMAN-I will make representations to the Director General. One of the most irritating General. One of the most initiating things for shoppers is to find a commodity priced apparently at 2p less than it was a week before when in fact it is selling for 1p more and can be bought more cheaply at the next door shop. This ludicrous method of trying to induce shoppers to huve a certain duce shoppers to buy a certain brand leads to anomalies such as the packet of soapflakes I bought this week which was simply marked "special low price".

will then have to be consultations, but there is action in the pipeline.

MISS JANET FOOKES (Plymouth, Drake, C)—Is the Director General taking into account one of my bettes noire, the manufacturers recommended price, which I believe ought to be abolished?

MR WILLIAMS—Yes, he is tak-

Imperial pretensions.

He inherited a programme which included forces stationed at places throughout the world on a scale which were no longer in keeping

He inherited a desence bunger of 13,667m for 1974-75 representing about 5.5 per cent of the gross national product. The longer-term costings for 1974 projected forwards for 10 years showed that to maintain and progressively reequip forces on the scale then planned would cost at 1974 prices £4,300m a year or about 6 per cent of the GNP by 1978-79.

It was clear to the Government that the economic situation of the country and the burden of defence expenditure at the level of the forces costed in February 1974 were incompatible.

He was determined that the process of adjustment to the realities of the economic, strategic and political position should not be by a series of arbitrary cuts. He wanted to make sure that the

a series of atomaty time. He defence priorities were seen to make sense and the forces tailored to what Parliament, people and allies accepted as essential to Bri-

Nato.
While it was essential the review while it was essential the according to the economic realities be had also in the forefront of his mind the other realities of the continuing threat to western security posed by the mas-sive and growing power of the Warsaw Pact. (Conservative cheers.) The western alliance was a defensive alliance. If Britain

reduced her contributions too far

MR PETER WALKER, Opposi-tion spokesman on the defince (Worcester, C), moved an amend-ment "regretting that the propo-

sals contained in the statement will imperil the nation's security ".

He said the first thing wrong was

He said the first thing wrong was that this was not a review conducted to see what were the defence requirements of the country. It was a review conducted to see how best the Government could comply with the expressed wish of the Labour Party to reduce expenditure on defence. This had put Mr Mason at a basic disadvantage.

The second basic weakness was that it must have been the first defence review in history which had been based on the strength of allies and not enemies. This was no way to conduct a defence review.

Defence was a fundamental and basic form of expenditure which should only be diminished if the

world studion enabled it to be.

For the Government to decide on
substantial further cuts on a unilateral basis and not on the basis of
any negotiations with the Warsaw
Pact countries to reduce their
expenditure, was a thoroughly had
example to the western alliance.

example to the western alliance.

The reality was that world wars did not start due to the aggressiveness of the democracies. The political leaders of the democracies were far too close to the people they represented and shared with equal intensity their repugnance for war. It was the totalizarian regimes of the left and of the right that had been the threat to world peace.

World wars started when the

democracies were too frightened,

too cowardly or just too tired. The

step in the right direction.
(Conservative laughter.)
The Soviet Government were not

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mperil the nation's security

They would risk undermining the coherence of the alliance. Within the Nato area, they would concentrate efforts on those elements and capabilities where they judged their countbution to

were the sea. land and air forces for the direct security of the Unit-ed Kingdom including the ability, the review to continue to deploy adequate numbers of troops in Northern Ireland. They must also ensure the use of the home base

Europe. There would still be an intervention capability outside Nato, but it would be small. It would not be possible to move an assault force into any non-Nato area as rapidly as had been done in the past.

The quality as well as the size of

Soviet military might would be so dominant as to enable their Government to dictate to the western world.

The view taken increasingly by

The view taken increasingly by Mr Mason that defence of this country was almost totally concerned with the position in central Europe was dargerous. Surely the events of oil prices should have taught the west of the importance of securing raw materials and the safety of sea routes.

To listen to Mr Mason, it would be thought be had withdrawn everything from the world and made substantial savings. He had

not. He had kept most of the overseas obligations, but had weakened the position of the Ser-vices to fulfil them in time of

The Secretary of State should

carefully consider representations from Nato allies about the British

contribution to the southern and northern flanks.

This review reeked of a series of one section of the Labour Party and the losses of such expedient actions always far outweighed any temporary gains. It was not in the juggling of the finance of defence which made a nation secure but the determination of its Government

to defence the nation.

The nature of the review left

This review reeked of a series of

safety of sea routes.

the Soviet Navy was advancing by leaps and bounds. If the British Fleet was to continue to contribute to the deterrence of Soviet sea power, it must have quality too. For this reason, the nuclear power submarine programme would be continued, as would the cruiser programme. The anti-submarine capability of the new cruisers would be much greater than that of all the frigates that could be purchased with the same money.

Although there would be some reduction in the rate at which new ships and weapons entered service there should be no basic change in the planned shape of the Fleet. The Army's re-equipment programme, much more than that of the other Services, consisted of a

large number of relatively small projects. Final decisions had in many cases still to be taken. It was not proposed in advance of a sat-isfactory agreement on mutual and balanced force reductions between Nato and the Warsaw Pact, to reduce the force Britain maintained in Germany in accordance with Brussels treaty obligations, and the ability to reinforce BAOR in time of emergency or war would be retained.

cheers.)
We are continuing (he went on)
with the MRCA collaborative programme, a project which is of
major importance to the RAF and also to the future of the British and European aircraft industries. We currently plan to have 385 MRCAs and expect to have to spread the cost over a somewhat longer period.

could devote to defence they were putting forward to the allies provi-sional conclusions. Final decisions would not be taken until the pro-cess of full and meaningful consultations with the allies had taken

place.
The review had been received with sympathetic understanding of Britain's problems and the situa-tion which led to the carrying out of the review.

Some talks at official level had already taken place with New Zealand regarding the consequences of the withdrawal from Singapore and the visit of the Australian Prime Minister to London this week would offer an opportunity to hear

his views.

He had already begun detailed consultations with Naro allies. In Brussels last week he had empha-Brussels last week he had emphasized Britain's firm commitment to Nato, and explained the basic principles which had guided the Government during the review.

He had accepted the invitation of his Euro-group ministerial colleagues to act as their chairman during the coming year. (Cheers.)

The Nato allies were considering the defence review proposals in

The Nato allies were considering the defence review proposals in detail. If we are to give them adequate time (he said) to digest what we propose and give us a considered reaction, we shall not be in a position to set our final decisions until the White Paper.

What the Government had proposed would start to release resources to help gain Britain's economic health without which no defence posture, in Nato or elsewhere, would be of any use.

A Government's greatest service to its people was that of the preservation of life and freedom (Conservative cheers.) They had followed that concept dearly. The (Conservance cheers.) They had followed that concept dearly. The Government were satisfied that his proposals did not imperil the security of the nation but strengthened Britain's defence posture and would enable Britain to play her part in the defence of the West and its freedows much more efficient. and its freedoms much more effi-ciently than before.

while there have been some redundancies and closures over the last 12 months it is impossible to say to what extent the price code is responsible as opposed to other MR ALISON said that Anglia Canneries Co in Wetherhy in his constituency had closed due to the operation of the code. Is it not perverse (he said) to facilitate the perverse (he said) to facilitate the growth in consumer expenditure while making it impossible for producers to produce the goods and services for the consumers to spend money on?

MRS WILLIAMS—There have been a number of redundancies and closures in the food manufacturing industry for months past, before the advent of this administration and before the code, Market factors are at least as

code. Market factors are at least as important as the price code, I suspect considerably more as. We are endeavouring to ease the code to some extent to meet the problem some extent to meet the problem of unemployment in this area.

The revised price code (she added) will be laid before the House on Wednesday.

MR GILES SHAW (Pudsey, C)—

mks Williams—I fits is one of the things we have had in mind in discussions and consultations about the price code, I also have a great responsibility to try to reduce the effects of the increased rate of inflation.

Rules for wine sold by the

MISS JANET FOOKES (Plymouth, Drake, C) asked what progress the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection was making with the extension to a wide variety of goods of the provision to sell them in prescribed standardized quantities.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State—Formal consultations

chicolate bars.

MISS FOOKES—Can action be taken to speed this up because we seem to move it a snail's pace?

MR WILLIAMS—it is trustrating for the Government as well as the Opposition. The difficulty is in the process of speeding up the orders which are going to be long lasting in the future. If you do not have the consultations you may do damage to an interest you do not wish to damage.

MR CORMACK ISORPH.V. ac.

MR CORMACK (South-West Staffordshire, C)—How far have we got with unit pricing

where unit pricing is the only effective way of giving protection

)uarrels between US nd Nine thing of past

te Safety of Sports Grounds was read the third time and ed.

JRD GORONWY-ROBERTS, et Secretary for Foreign and monwealth Affairs, moved the House took note of the te Paper Developments in the Opean Communities Marchiber 1974

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e said that on renegotiation
gs were moving along on schebut it would not all be plain
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mion that renegotiation should
oncluded as soon as possible.
y aimed to dispose of outstandmatters by about early March
their partners in the EEC
ed the desire to expedite mat-

ditical cooperation was voluntooperation. It was remarkthat the Nine had been able to a together as closely as they on so many diverse questions. Hors between the United and the Nine had been much roved and the public quarrels 373 were a thing of the past. ORD ST OSWALD (C), for the position, said the Government and drop or set on one side the ovable but not dignified preletinat they and the partners entered upon a process of egotiation. What was taking the was a continuing discussion litical cooperation was volunegotiation. What was taking the was a continuing discussion when the notions of the maintained was a desired and extended to the maximum benefit of all

m benefit of all.
ORD GLADWYN (L) said what Government had declared as main obstacle to continued bership had been in practice Government seemed to be ing that because there was a leral feeling that economic and aetary union could not be lieved by 1980 there was no Ser any need to examine the sibility. They had only to wait Simply. They had only to note of the full force of the economic ricage bit them to see that itude change. Either the burries would drive them all apart

and the Community would dissolve or they would all have to take cover in the same dugout. cover in the same dugout.

LADY TWEEDSMUIR of BELHELVIE (C), chairman of the Select Committee on the European Community, said there should be a regular procedure of informing Parliament of any important modifications made by the Council working parties or in Commission proposals. They should be informed of politically sensitive matters which came before the Commission's management committee, such as the butter mountain.

intee, such as the train.

If the Government finally decided to recommend that Britain should stay in the EEC, there should be a long period of giving information to Parliament and the public before the people were asked to decide through the ballot

LORD DUDLEY (C) said it was LORD DUDLEY (C) said it was time for Britain to make up its mind about Europe, the Europe from which they all sprang. He urged that they stayed in, applied their minds to it, grew with it and united it. They must decide soon because they had it in their power to take away the vision and destroy Europe's future.

LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS said there had been a striking development in political cooperation among the Nine and the Labour Government were entitled to some credit for this important

In Britain they had evolved a system of sending ministers into international councils not bound hand and foot but with a keen sense of possibilities within which they must take decisions. Perhaps they could add to the EEC system some system of ad-referendum.

The Foreign Secretary had said the Government hoped to come to a decision on the form of consultation. It would be by ballot the form of which it was hoped to announce in January. It was then announce in January. It was then attent to the people would become urgent.

Future site of Public Search Room

LORD TEVIOT, opening a short debate on the essential need to keep the public search room of the Registrar General's Department in central London, said the search room, at St Catherine's House, was used by many people, including foreign and Commonwealth guests. It was also used by many familiar faces, the regulars associated with the legal profession and genealogists. The proposed move was to Southport, in north-west England, which was 210 miles from London. Journey by rail was incon-London. Journey by rail was incon-venient and at present cost over

Cil.

The office was one of the parts of their heritage and should be kept in London. LORD MOWBRAY and STOUR-TON (C) said in London every-thing was centralized for the schol-er, the legal expert and the serious student and they could not be student and mey could not be expected to go to Southport for an afternoon to use this office, as they did while it was in central London. To move it would be a disservice.

LORD WELLS-PESTELL, Lord LORD WELLS-PESTELL, Lord in Waiting, said no decisions had yet been made and this debate made a useful contribution to the consideration which was being given to the subject.

About 3,700 people used the public search room every week, but a similar number of certificates were issued as a result of postal applications. They had some idea of the strength of feeling inside and outside the House but they were under an obligation as a result of the Hardman report to consider carefully the duty that was put upon fully the duty that was put upon him in the matter of the dispersal of government offices. House adjourned, 8.26 pm.

Parliamentary Notices House of Lords joday at 2,30: Motion on Army, Air Force and Navy Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order, Motion to take note of defence review statement.

major totalitarian power in terms of military might today was the Soviet Union, and it was significant that the Soviet Government described this defence review as a company in the right direction. House of Commons Today at 2.30; Finance Bill, second reading. Debate on EEC document on Community loans.

Mr Mason contends defence review takes account of economic and security realities MR MASON, Secretary of State and this example were followed by other countries there was a serious risk that the credibility of Nato strategy would be destroyed. (Renewed Conservative cheers.)

for Defence (Barnsley, Lab), mov-ing that the House take note of the defence statement on December 3, defence statement on December 3, said the defence review had been the most comprehensive examination of defence commitments and resources available since the post-1945 rundown. It would be seen as part of the process through which Britain adapted itself politically make the process through the process thr cally, psychologically and economically to a new role as an influential middle rank power without post-

with Britain's economic and polition for the direct security of the Unitical position.

He inherited a defence budget of which would not be imperilled by 3.667m for 1974-75 representing

tain's security and the security of

course of one Commando. The three remaining Commandos would all remain committed to Nato. We will be examining the said) the best means of deploying the Commandos in the longer term without the use of purpose-built transport when a constitutions. transport when existing amphib-ious ships reach the end of their useful life. The Fearless, Intrepid and Hermes are planned to remain in service for some years to come. He did not see a noticeable role for the Royal Marines outside Europe. There would still be an

be most effective and essential.

One priority were the land and air forces in the centre of Europe where the Warsaw Pact confronted the alliance with a marked supe-riority in manpower and conven-tional weapons. Another priority

for operations in support of the Nato ailies. It was proposed to maintain the effectiveness of the Polaris force. It was planned to reduce the land element of the United Kingdom about one-third of its present capa-

bility.

The Royal Marines, who prorided the landing force element of the amphibious force, would be reduced by about 1,200 men, in-cluding the disbandment in due course of one Commando. The

No reduction was proposed in the size of the TAVR. With a small regular Army it would be an even more important and effective partner of the regular Army than before. The department would look to improve its present strength and planned a major recruiting effort in the new year. (Conservative

We shall therefore be discussing with our German and Italian partners some slowing down in the rate at which we will take delivery of the MRCA. ith our German and Italian parteers some slowing down in the
ate at which we will take delivery
f the MRCA.

Within the total resources they

Country's defence will only be as
strong as the economy permits.

(Labour cheers.)

Reek of expedients in face of pressure situation they could not afford to continue, lst alone increase the present rate of expenditure on defence embarking on a course of disarma-ment. Year by year as the talks on disarmament went on, Soviet mil-tary might increased. By project-ing the trend for a further decade

> strong. a maiden speech, said defence was the primary responsibility of gov-ernment. It was the pre-requisite of other measures. Without that other measures. Without that security, other policies might not be realized.

MR NEWENS (Harlow, Lab) said the minister had not announced cancellations or drastic changes in any major weapon projects. It did not make sense to allow funds to be drained from Britain while she had to go cap in band to Saudi Arabia and Iran to ask them to maintain investment here in Britain's economic in-

MR RUSSEL JOHNSTON (Inverness. L1 said the most serious criticism which had been made of the review was that the northern flank of Nato was being weakened of Nato was being weakened because the British contribution was being reduced. The United Kingdom was reducing its commit ment to Nato in one of the most exposed parts of the Nato line of confrontation.

The Liberals found the general

them with grave doubts about the level of the present Government's determination to defend the Lab) said there were too many military bands and too many cen-MR ALLAUN (Salford, East, Leb) said that the cuts were phoney cuts. If infletion continued at its present rate, five years hence Britain would be spending more than £8,000m a year on arms. That was not a minor matter, but threat-ened the bankruptcy of the nation.

defence.

It was not possible by military means to defend this country. We are far more likely (he said) to have influence in the world if we are economically viable, rather than bankrupt though militarily MR NELSON (Chichester, C), in

direction of the review acceptable although there were elements in it which caused them concern. MR BOYDEN (Bishop Auckland,

minary backs and too many central schools of music.

The Royal Horse Artillery troop in Regent's Park might be dispensed with. The Guards regiments might spend less time on teremony. The protection of the Sovereign and of London by the Guards was a specially use as the Guards was not as effective as the police protection which was given.

MR WALDER (Clitheroe, C) asked how many MPs 10 years ago would have predicted the situation in Northern Ireland. Yet in the review the Government were cutting the Army by 12.000 men, the equivalent of something like 10 major units. This must inevitably mean that the Army was overstretched. It must mean more tours for retiments and units in litter for regiments and units in Ulster. MR MACFARQUHAR (Belper, Lab) said the difficulty about the Opposition argument on the Indian Ocean issue was that the House was given no precise indication of what scenario was feared. Were the Soviet vessels going to halt British commerce in time of peace? He would suggest not.

MR HUGH FRASER (Stafford and Stone. C) said Britain's reserve manpower had fallen 75 per cent since June, 1974, with the end of the Army General Reserve. The first step to try to build up a better reserve was to bring the Tecritorial Army up to establishment. Now was the time to build a chizers' force within the frame. Citizens Citizens' force within the frame-work of the regular Army.

MR AMERY (Brighton, Pam-hon, C) said the only explanation for the Soviet Government's build up of forces was its with to keep onen the option of force or the threat of force if it would serve its MR POOLEY (Shaffield, Heeley, Lab) said that Hongkong was a Bridish wart on the nose of China. He did not understand why 10 000 men should be kept there. They could not serve any serious defen-

sive purpose. SIR HARWOOD HARRISON (Eve, C), chairman of the defence and external offairs sub-committee of the expenditure committee, said the committee would be looking in detail at the decisions. In general they agreed that rather than deny the forces modern and effective weapons they were prepared to reduce the number of Servicemen

MR GILES SHAW (Pudsey, C)—
In view of the representations the
minister has had from the food
industry, is she aware that in suite
of the concessions in the code and
the Budset there is a necess
outflow in that industry of mony
millions of pounds?

MRS WILLIAMS—This is one of
the things we have had in mind in

carafe or glass

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State—Forma! consultations were opened last week on proposals relating to biscuits and short, bread. In the new year 1 also expect to be able to announce plans for wine sold both by the carafe and by the class, and to implementing the EEC range for chocolate bars.

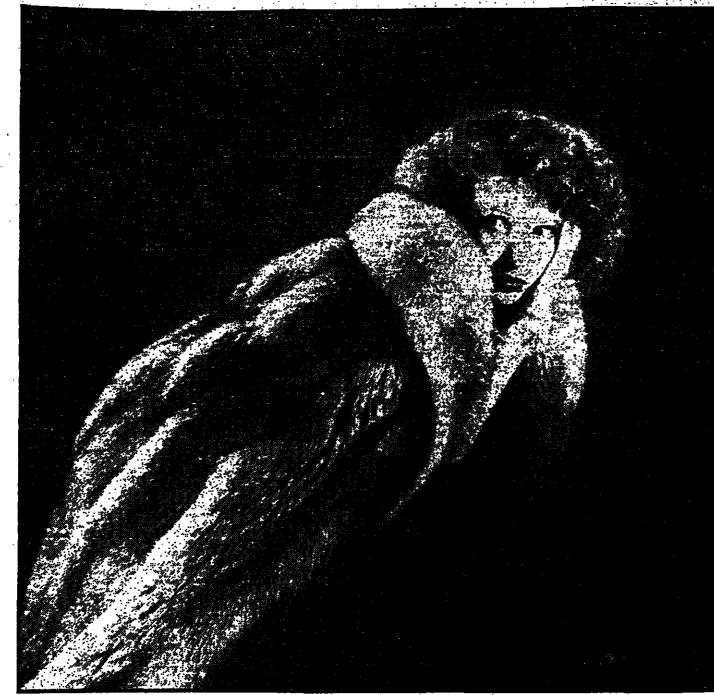
we got with unit pricing a MR WILLIAMS—Certain measures have circady them introduced since this administration name into office where we cut adorted unit pricing would be appropriate. In general prescribed quantities are preferable but there are lottances where unit oricing is the only

Furs by any other name

Pew areas of fashion have been more affected by contemporary views on social responsibility than furs. It has taken long enough in all conscience, but the most primitive of all forms of dress-wearing someone else's readymade birthday suit—is now Quite rightly subject to stringent controls.

In this battle to conserve and protect from suffering a great many forms of wildlife there exists one piece of psychological reasoning which quite baffles me. I refer to the advertising campaigns aimed at persuading women to eschew the real, rare fur for the nearest possible synthetic alternative. The reasoning behind this is, I suppose, of the "better to marry than burn" variety, that since women cannot be prevented from wanting these furs they can at least be pushed into the arms of the fakes, which are so lovely and so realistic that no one will know without a second hard look that they are not real. To me this is bizarre. I believe that you need to make the whole idea of wearing certain furs disreputable, and that the way to begin making them disreput-able is to make them

unfashionable. Realism suggests that in most people a social conscience comes some way after the desire for self-adornment. By all means have textiles inspired by the miraculous colourings of nature. But they should be fabrics on which those colourings are used to make something new and beautiful in its own right, not a clever copy of the original animal. A brilliant fake will always inspire someone to want the real thing—and how many people read the small print







Matching jumpsuit made from the dress length given

with the cape. Customers can choose from a small selection of brocades. Cape and suit £1,700, to order from Harrods fur showrooms. Above left: A cape of red fox pieces with, if desired, a belt slipping through to the front. By Kay West Furs, £380. To order from 21-22 Heddon Street, London W1. Tel: 01-734 0777. Beret by Edward Mann at Harrods, £5.60 in assorted colours. Photographs by Willie Christie.

Warmth without waist

With the longer skirts the best shape for furs is a cape.

which incidentally has the built-in advantage of looking

much prettier than a jacket or stole over an evening dress. Here are three ideas in ranched furs.

Top: Mid-calf cape of lynx dyed fox with front button fastening on a band of suede, by Maxwell Croft Furs,

£1,095. Made to order from 105 New Bond Street, London W1. Tel: 01-629 6226. Shetland wool polo neck

Since I personally find a temperature of 68 degrees practically arctic, I have much enjoyed the correspondence in this paper on the subject of how to keep warm, healthy, physically regenerate (and maybe morally too) and generally more lively by not addling the brains with too hot central heating and by wearing a combination of garments calculated to render the silhouette, even after my slimming activities, like unto a

> ICAA belps all kinds of Handicapped Children Funds, Legacies, organity aceded uralid Children's Aid Association 126 Buckingham Palace Road London, S.W.1.

should'st be living at this hour. Not that Dr Jaeger was the first in the field. A Dr Beale is cited in Stella Mary Newton's book Health Art and Reason as stressing the importance of wool, "which promotes trans-piration" and every medic's hero was the officer whose troops wore woollen body belts in hot climates, transpiring away to victory in numerous cam-

Dr Jaeger's particular dislikes were draughts and clothing which did not allow for the equal distribution of the blood around the body. This restriction of the circulation, he held, made different parts of the body receive unequal nourishment and thus develop unequally.

To illustrate this point Dr Jaeger pointed at the "sparrow-like legs and protruding stomachs" of his male contemporaries, and attributed them to the design of the modern trouser. The trouser, said he, was both a health hazard because as a tube it encouraged draughts, and also unaesthetic. At this point I should warn gentlemen who feel the cold gentiemen who feel the cold and are anxiously reading this page for hints on a cosier cos-tume that what Dr Jaeger recommended in place of the trousers he deplored would hardly be considered aesthetic by most people nowadays.

I am not of course in a position to comment on the sparrowlike legs and protruding stom-achs of readers, nor even of my colleagues, since modern male dress is expressly designed to conceal the physique of a man, to enclose him in a straight line of cloth from shoulders (padded) to ankle (wide), which is probably why the suit has survived so long.

But Dr Jaeger would have you in knee breeches, gentlemen, and woolly stockings. As a matter of fact, he would have preferred you in a brief tunic and tights, the costume in which the blood could circulate most freely, and as a matter of fact so could you, accompanied I should think by cries of Hello, variet!"

But even with dress reform at its most fashionable it was at its most tashionable it was recognized that tights were unacceptable, so instead you should wear with your knee breeches a Sanitary Woollen Shirt, no underpants (unless you were aged, decrepit or sparantille all over) and the tails row-like all over) and the tails of the shirt pulled between your legs and fastened at the front with a safety pin.

Readers who are by now totally unnerved as to how to keep warm and healthy may like to know that we are hard at work constructing a nice knitted executive jacket for cold offices and to spare expensive suits, and we hope to have it ready for your chilled fingers to knit in the New Year.

As for womenswear, I think I cannot do better than to quote from another reader's letter which seems to me to be not only a useful history of thickening dress but also sound a note of sense in the symphony of Hester Gray wrote that she

jumpers, thick jumpers, cardigans and woolly skirts. "Our gans and woolly skirts. "Our elders wore silk and wool stockings with woolly ankle socks over them and we wore ribbed woollen stockings known as marly, mottled brown or grey like sings and hairy as the shirt of Nessus. I am sure that it was as an act of contrision that we ware made to ween them all der were made to wear them all day on Sunday, whatever the time of year. When Christmas came

and the hairiness was wearing mercifully thin, Santa Claus thoughtfully replenished them."
Hester Gray's grandmother wore, in addition to the costume outlined above, "stout canvas corsets reinforced with whale-bone and I am not sure that the Doubtless the English will use

hust-hodice ". The sole source of heat in the house was the kitchen fire round which they all sar "like a family of stokers" while draughts which would have horrified Dr Jaeger whistled in all directions.

women did not all wear a kind of penitential-looking heary

anyway) dark bleak windblown moorland and a few sad birds. Far from finding all this healthy and invigorating for mind and body, Hester Gray reports that instead of "growing up great strapping women, fit and strong and with a contempt for the soft life, alas, we were small and tenacious and gnarled as the thorus the sparrows froze to, and made sparrows froze to, and made good our escape as early as pos-

Her grandmother suffered perpetual broachitis and ultimately died of it and Ms Gray had rheumatism and rheumatic fever as a child as well as confaux-romance which the English tinual tonsilitis and feverish like to build around discomfort. colds, pneumonia at 18 and agonizing chilblains.

Hester Gray wrote that she grew up in a windblown house on a hillrop in darkest Geordie in which the females wore woolly vests (with sleeves), two pairs of knickers with fleecy linings, flannel perticoers, thin in the gas fires turned up high and an electric blanker at the elements and we can high. I bask in the warmth ourselves as people..."

and feel fit and well as never before and when I think of my childhood I never regret leaving behind for ever those winters when I wept at the pains in my swollen joints, and coughed through the long icy nights in my unheated bedroom and suffered the scourges of marly stockings and woollen vests."

Before anyone writes to tell me that it is precisely this sybaritic attitude to central heating and gas fires which has got us into our present energy crisis, let me say that I hold no truck with that argument.

Doubtless the English will use the present situation to indulge in all sorts of masochistic de-privations, but what of course they should be doing is thank-ing the oil shaikhs for being the handwriting on nature's notice board, and putting their minds to thinking out alternative and less pollutive sources of power. less pollutive sources of power For I too remember the chil blains of an unheated youth and almost the last time I stayed all directions. Hot pennies in a private house up north it applied to the frozen windows was so cold that I had to get revealed (for a few moments into the bath with my dress anyway) dark bleak windblown still on to shroud my quivering torso and could only bear to pull it off over my head when my lower limbs had been un-numbed by the hor water.

As for fashion, how can one feel the same about those romanic "aestheric" dresses of the late 'eighties knowing that underneath them the ladies were wearing stout, fleecy lined drawers of a style which would have been called by this genera-

Awards and elections:

Gibbs Prize, modern history: R. R. Crook Ballol, and Patricia R. Mortson. Somerville: proxime accessit, R. B. Smiton, Magdalen, Book prizes: C. E. Leeks, Magdalen, and P. M. C. Parker. Corpus Christi. De Osma studentable. D. J. Weisserstein Wolfson College. Boncarry of Rio Tinio Zinc. Duncan, chairman of Rio Tinio Zinc. Duncan studentable, research fellowship for . 18 months, Nur-Field College: Cerlivin Gibben, research fellowship for . 18 months. Mr Cyril Wellwords, an assistant under secretary of stato, Ministry of Defence. CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE: Open exhibitions. R. A. Cooke, Glyn Ca CS, Erson, M. S. Snow, Wyogeston S. ST. JOEN'S COLLEGE: Fellowship by special election. H. C. Dawkins, MA. DPhil, university lectures in statistical mathematical ministry of Defence of the College. Harold Mecmilling in Susseen primes for essence; A. C. Ordan Defence of the College of the Colle tion " passion killers".

And not even the hope of having my blood released from an inactive locality and left free to be used in the brain (and elsewhere) as promoted by Mr Adaine in 1888 is going to get me back into stays or a Waist

For I agree with Hester Gray that "it is really exciting when life ceases to be a bitter and uncomfortable struggle against the elements and we can find

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No breach of duty by Post Office customer to injured sorter

Before Mr Justice Bristow

Before Mr Johnce Bristow

A former Post Office employee
who in the course of his employment sprained his back when lifting a bag, sent by a customer,
enceeding the weight limit prescribed by the Post Office, failed
in his action for demages for negligence against the customer.

gence against the customer.
His Lordship held that the plato-tiff, Mr Frederick Renest Smith, had failed to show that the defen-dants, Southwerk Offset Lad, owed him a duty of care not to load the bag over the limit, and dis-missed his claim.

Mr. J. B. Gosschalk for Mr. Smith; Mr. Keith Topley for South-wark Officer.

smith; Mr Keith Topley for Southwark Offset.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the Post Office had a facility for users to send letters and parcels in large numbers called the bulk postal service. The Post Office supplied mail bags of varying sizes, which the user falled and either placed them outside his premises for collection by the Post Office, or, if he was in London, transported them himself to Mount Pleasant Post Office, where he handed them over on an inholding platform.

The service was described in the Post Office Guide, a paper-back copy of which was on sale to the public Under the heading of "Collection" there appeared:

"Where consignments are made up in heat the matcher of

section there was another section headed. "Prohibitions". His Lordship said that some of the "prohibitions" were on their face gened to the safety of Post Office employees who had to handle postal packets. The wording of the prohibition section was in marked courage to the "Collection" section; one was mandatory, the other advisory;

advisory:
In May, 1970, Mr Smith was soming been as they came off a conveyor which led from the botconveyor which led from the bot-tom of a chute from the unloading platform at Mount Pleasant. He bent down to lift a bag with both hands, and as he book the strain he got a sharp pain in the back. He dropped the bag but could not straighten his back. He was sent to the first aid post and later to hostiful.

to the tarst aid post and later to hospital.

The bag belonged to Southwark Offset. Four of their bags were checked end they weighed respectively 58th, 70th, 74th and 76th.

Mr Smith, who was 4i at the time, had previously been in the meat trade and regarded hisoself as being able to handle a lift of 75th easily. He had also been shown how to lift mail bags with a straight tack when he joined the Post Offsee a year before. He did not say a weight of shout 70th was dangerous in itself, only that he was taken by susprise by the bag being so much above average.

As a result of the accident, Mr As a result of the accident, Mr Smith was off work for some weeks. The agreed medical reports showed that he got an attack of

hambago at the time of the incldent, but suggested that it might
have been spontaneous rather than
caused by crying to hit the bag.
He was now back in the meat
trade on clerical work.

Mr Smith pleaded that the company owed him a duty not to load
their bags beyond 50lb. In his
Lordship's judgment to establish
such a duty it must be proved (1)
that the company were told by
the Post Office that they must not
load bags above that weight and
(2) that that limit was imposed
because any greater weight would (2) that that limit was imposed because any greater weight would cause risk to the safety of Post Office employees who might handle

Office employees who might handle the bags.

Mr Smith relied on, inter alla, the Post Office Guide and the company's knowledge of the limit because of the fact that it was pleaded in the defence that no bag from the company's premises could have exceeded 40ib.

Even if the company love of the weight that, the Lordship did not think that their knowledge would amount to evidence that they ought to have known that it was a weight set for the stiety of Post Office employees. For all the company knew, no son mechanical lifting might have been involved, or, if it was, bags too heavy for one man to life safely could presumably be lifted by two men. In the circumstances the company was not in breach of any duty to Mr. Smith.

Solicitors: Simpson, Palmer &

Mr. Smith.
Solicitors: Simpson,
Winder: Davies, Armold

Court of Appeal

Stamp duty payable on companies merger

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the taxpayer, company, Crane Fruehanf Lid, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Templeman (The Times, December 29, 1973) of its appeal against assessments to stamp duty made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners in respect of certain documents which the company claimed were entitled to exemption from duty under section 55 of the Finance Act, 1927.

In September, 1967, Crane entered into an agreement with Boden Trailers Lid and its shareholders to acquire all Boden shares for 1.8m Crane shares and £100,000, it being a term of the agreement that, if so required by Fruehauf international Lid (FIL), which held one-third of Crane's share capital each of the Boden shareholders would sell one-third of the Society of the share capital. Con October 12 Crane by an increase of capital created 1.8m new shares and acquired the Boden shares and FIL purchased the crease of capital created 1.8m new shares and acquired the Boden shares, and FIL purchased the 600,000 shares. Crane registered the new shares in the names of the Boden shareholders, paid f100,000 and received the Boden shares. The Boden shareholders executed transfers of the relevant shares to FIL and received £600,000 from FIL.

Crane claimed relief from stamp duty in regard to the statement of increase of its nominal capital and the share transfers to

ment of increase of its nominal capital and the share transfers to the Boden shareholders wunder section 55 on the grounds that both had been made in commexion with the scheme for amalgamating Crane and Boden, that the whole of Boden's issued share capital had been acquired by Crane and

What was the consideration that the Boden shareholders were to receive? It was not simply 1.8m receive? It was not simply 1.8m; shires plng £100,000; rather it was 1.2m shares plns £100,000, plns 600,000 shares subject to an immediate obligation and right to receive £600,000; and that situation had been procured by Crane in the bargain it had offered to the Boden shareholders. The strings had been ettached by Crane as an executed part of the schemo. strings had been attached by Grane as an essential part of the schemo for amalgamation. In those circumstances the consideration for the acquisition of, the Boden shares by Grane could not be truly regarded, as to the 600,000 shares, as consisting of the issue of those shares. Consequently, the conditions of section 55 were not shown to have been compiled with.

the assessment of the ad velocing stamp duty, in his Lordship to judgment, the judge hall come to a correct conclusion for the reason LORD JUSTICE STAMP, concurring, said that even assuming

Crame Frenhauf Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Refore Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Stamp and Lord Justice The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the inspayer company, Crane Fruehant Ltd. from the Consideration for the company:

Mr C. N. Beattle, QC. and Mr Richard Sykes for the company:

Mr Michael Wheeler, QC. and Mr Michael Wheel

shad, consistently with the purpose of the paragraph, to be construed as a reference to a condition that the shares were issued to those holders beneficially and not as nominees.

LORD JUSTICE SCARMAN, also concurring, said that the Boden shareholders were not being Boden shareholders were not being offered "a straight swop" har something else—an issue of shares as to two-thirds unconditionally but as to one-third with a string attached for the acceptance of which they were to be paid £500,000. That cash did not move from Crane, but the offer which secured the cash did and was accepted. The totality of the offer made by Crane and accepted by Boden was the consideration moving from Crane in exchange for the Baden shares. Duty was discretize flevable. That conclusion was consistent with the general was consistent with the general intendment of the section.

Solicitors: Stephenson, Harwood

Concern over trial that lasted 12 weeks

Regina v Fisher that if had taken 21 months from commission of the offence by the Betore Lord Justice Cairns, Mr the time of the conviction for the company and, since an aider and appeal to be heard. There were abettor could be charged as prin-[Judgment delivered December 11]

Concern over the length of a 12-week trial and a period of 21 mombs between conviction and appeal was expressed by the Court of Appeal when giving a reserved judgment allowing the appeal in part and reducing a sentence of five years to three. The appeal was brought by George Samuel Fisher, aged 55, from conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Grant, QC) in February, 1973, on five courts of obtaining property by false preof obtaining property by false pre-tences contrary to section 32(1) of the Larceny Act, 1916. Three counts related to obtaining cheques from English people in 1954 by pretending that Anglo-Iberian De-velopment and Urbernsation Co Ltd owned certain land in Spain, In owner certain and in spani, that planning permission was available to develop it and the company was in a position to arrange for building villas on it. The two other counts cancerned similar pretences in 1967 relating to Mediterranean Golden Estates.

I.d. The sentences were five years concurrent on each count.

Mr Simon Goldblett, QC, and Mr Colin MacKay for the appellant; Mr Timothy Cassel and Mr Sam Katkhuda for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE CAIRNS said that two features of the case gave cause for concern. One was that the trial lasted 12 weeks, ending with a sunming up which spread over five days. over five days.

The case was complex. As their Lordships had not seen a transcript of the evidence, it was not possible for them to judge whether time was wasted, but they conconsidered that in such difficult fraud cases judges and comsel should cooperate in an endeavour to shorten the hearing by limiting the number of documents put in evidence and avoiding too much detail in the examination of wit-

detail in the examination of wit-nesses. The task set to juries in following the intricacies of a case over so long a period was not con-ducive to the best administration of justice.

The other disturbing fact was

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again owing largely to the com-plexities of the case, why unusual delays occurred, and their Lord-ships attributed no blame in any ships attributed no blame in any particular quarter, but they could not view with equanimity the fact that they had been considering the appeal against conviction of a man sentenced to five years imprisonment nearly two years ago.

The summing up on the three 1964 counts was seriously defective in not directing the jury to examine particular questions which gross in relation to three A charge of obtaining a cheque

by false pretences was not estab-lished by showing that a victim was induced to hand the accused was induced to hand the accused a cheque in favour of a company: R v Lurie ((1951) 35 Cr App R 113). The judge, however, had accepted a prosecution argument that a person who, by false pretences, induced another to hand over a cheque payable to a company, was adding and abetting the

His Lordship said that no issue that the company to which the cheque was made out was guilty of making the false pretences was of making the taise pretences was put before the jury and, even if the 1964 counts as fradued could be established on the ground that the appellant was an aider and abettor, that could be done only if the prosecution so presented the case to the jury and adduced

cipal under section 35 of the 1916

Act the appellant could be con-

the case to the jury and addiced evidence to prove it.

The convictions on the three 1964 counts would be quashed.

As to the 1967 counts, it was open to the jury to find that the appellant was a party to causing the money orders and cheque concerned to be handed over by false preserves. The summing up concerned to be handed over by false pretences. The summing up as a whole was not open to such criticism as would render the verdicts unsafe or unsatisfactory, and the appeal against conviction on those counts was dismissed.

Solicitors: Philip Moody & Co, Kew; D P P.

Tributes to Mr Justice Finer

Judges of the Family Division, was no one better qualified and together with counsel, solicitors as and court officials, observed a silence in tribute to Mr Justice Finer, who died during the weekend.

was no one better qualified and no one more likely to produce an objective, comprehensive and worthwhile report.

In the short time he had sat on the Bench he had demon-

Sir George Baker, President, said that he had been appointed a judge less than two years ago while he was engaged as chairman of the committee on the one-parent family and was able to sit only occasionally. He had worked hard and long in his own time and on vacations. His monumental report was a model of thoroughness and lucidity, and marked a milestone in our social progress.

Referring to his recent appointment as chairman of the Royal Commission on the Press the President said that even thosement they were many—who had reservations about a puisne judge having to chair such a commission were all agreed that there

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on the short time he had sat on the Bench he had denion-strated what a great contribution he had to make by his shining intellect. Yet he showed no sign of intellectual arrogance; he was a humble man always ready to a humble man, always ready to help, cheerful and friendly, whose presence silmulated all. It was perhaps a mark of the man that the first person to express to his Lordship his sense of loss was the cordship his sense of loss was the gate aftendam.

On behalf of the judges in the division his Lordship expressed their sadness, their deep sense of loss and sympathy to his widow and family. Their grief would be shared by many friends at home and abroad.

Mr Peter Pain, QC, associated himself on behalf of the Bar with the President's tribute.

25 years ago

Gonville and Cains College, university in geology. RNG'S COLLEGE: Senior unofficia (ellowanto from October 1975: C. J. Presson, BSc (Bristol). PhD (Calif) fellow of Brasmose College. Oxford and CDF Section in mattematics

A. Clark, MA (Oxford), lecturer conomic history, P. Guiamhuseln, BSc (Makerers), O (London), lecturer in snahomy. Grants:

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Blochamistry: 252.030 from the Medical Research Gouncil, for Professor W. V. Staw's research into the evolution of encourse specified by the College of the College

A. J. Bishop, MA (Wolfson) as miversity lecturer in education from October, 1976.

DARWIN COLLEGE: Appointed practicums and elected into fedowants: J. S. Turner, MSc (Sydney), PhD, of Trinity College, reader in geophysical fluid dynamics; P. F. Friend: MA, FRD, of Aston
Dr H; O. W: Eggins, senior lecturer
in biological sciences is to be provice-chancellor for residential and
communal policy.

From The Times of Friday, December 15, 1949 From Our Correspondent

The Hague, Dec 15.—The International Court of Justice today gave judgment for Britain in the Corfu Chaunel case by 12 votes to two and awarded damages of £843,947 against Albania.

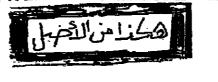
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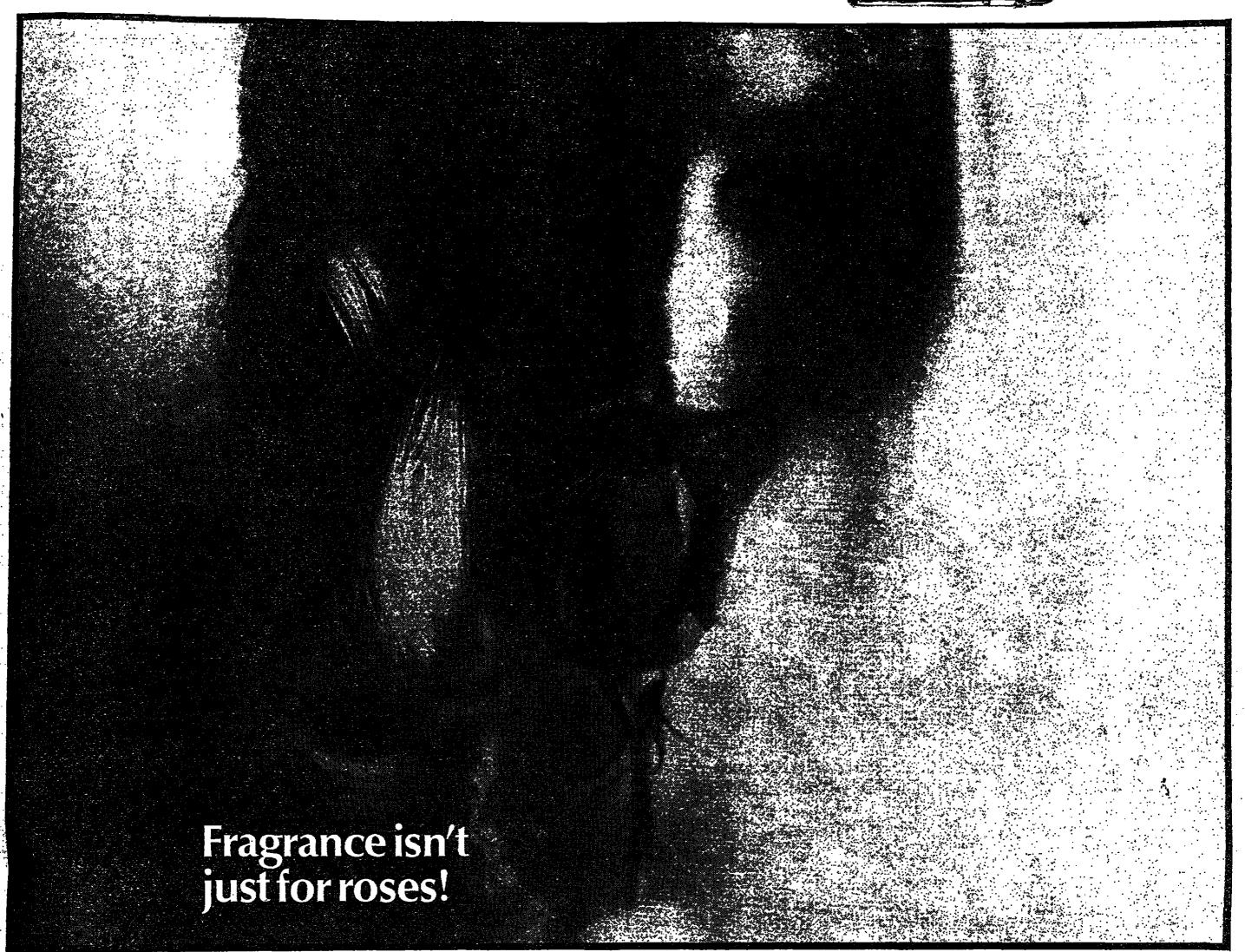
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Bernard Levin

The best place to fight prejudice is out in the open

this paper began, I must conresumably experienced by a fox which, having gone to earth in an attempt to evade the hounds, puts his terrified head out of the burrow for a peep at the situation, and discovers that the hounds are in full cry after his brother. No doubt it is distressing for a fox to see his brother torn to pieces by savage dogs, but no doubt it is much more so for him to suffer the same fate himself. I am, as may well be supposed. no stranger to uproar, but more to the point, I am no stranger particular brand of uproar. I once caused the entire postal system of the honest. Silly in its self-defeatlang an article, not long before the Six Day War, sharply criticising what I felt were some quite unacceptable the strain to support the Israel war machine . . . "), and the system of the strain to support the Israel war machine . . . "), and the system of the strain to support the Israel war machine . . . "), and the system of th remarks by the Chief Rabbi, concerning a supposed "duty" by British Jews to Israel; though Dr Jakobovits himself was magnanimously unresentful of what I wrote, well over 1,000 letters of protest poured in to the editor from those determined to be plus rah-hinique que le rabin, and for the most part displaying a most distasteful fanaticism and cism of Israel. But what was interesting about the episode, and in its implications most dismaying, was that of the

the uproar over the letters written to me (there it seems to me to have no more statements by both sides in a can say about the Middle East her must be consciously or onist advertisement in were about 1,000 of those, too), understanding of what a news- strike or other industrial distinct from those industrial distinct from those address paper (or an advertisement, for pute, and rival bids in a take- mind or other, the seeds of have been repeatedly accused anti-Zionist advertisement in were about 1,000 of those, too), fess to an unworthy feeling majority of those from Jewish of relief, closely akin to that correspondents said that they sed to the editor, a substantial agreed with what I had written but were reluctant or afraid to say so publicly, for fear of the consequences in social and family criticism or even ostra-

> It is against that background of personal experience, therefore, that I offer a comment on the advertisement that caused the fuss, on the fuss that it caused, and on the decision by the Board of Deputies of British Jews to seek the prosecution of The Times under the Race Re-

The advertisement seemed to me to be silly, nasty and dis-Israel put that country before their own ("Isn't Britain more important?"), and dishonest in its attempts to convince readers that it is public money which is going to Israel from Britain ("Mrs Meir was here demanding more sacrifice from a country already drained through receipt " But the world recession"). But the question is not whether the case made in the advertisement was just; it is whether the adver-tisement should have been

Well of course it should. The critics of the decision to publish

that matter) is than the man who not long ago tried to pro-secute the Oxford University Press, for including in the OED pejorative definitions of the word Jew, apparently had of what a dictionary is.

The two affairs, moreover, seem to me to have a good deal in common. It was impossible to get into the head of the complainant against the dictionary that to record, say, the verb "to jew" as meaning "to swindle", did not imply that the dictionary's editors or publishers thought that all, or indeed any, Jews were swind-lers; their duty was simply to include words which existed, in the meanings given to them. If, as is certainly the case, popular usage employs, or has in the past employed, a verb "to jew"
—and "to welsh" for that matter—then a dictionary would be defective if it did would be detected it in the not include it, and for my part I would not dream of buying a dictionary which, otherwise sufficiently comprehensive to include such words, excluded them on the ground that they might give offence.

And I think that that point is closely analogous to the one that lies at the heart of the advertisement argument. News-papers commonly publish advertisements on matters of public controversy; obvious examples are party-political advertisements at election time,

Portugal's imperial disengage-

bique; Angola, the richest of the African territories, is turn-

ing out to be a harder proposi-

between the nationalist move-

ments close to reality; there

have also been signs of divisions

within the Portuguese military themselves over which move-ment to support.

Angola's major problem is

that there is no single national-

ist movement that is in a posi-tion to take power as Frelimo did in Mozambique. The Organ-

isation of African Unity (and several African leaders) have

made considerable efforts to

form a common front between the Popular Movement for the

Liberation of Angola (MPLA),

the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) and the Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (UNITA). They have had little success.

All three have stopped fighting

with the Portuguese—MPLA and UNITA have agreed to cease-fires, and FNLA to a cessation

in principle to take part in a coalition government to prepare

for independence. This would also involve other groups, such

as members of the Portuguese

forces, Angolan civil servants

Portugal is now trying to

three movements have recently set up offices in Luanda and

was an attempt to assassinate

Portuguese forces to restore

divisions among the

between the movements.

over. Sometimes—usually, now I come to think of it—these advertisements are grossly par-tisan, though masquerading as objective statements of fact; often, I have no doubt, they give serious offence, and in some cases are intended to. A newspaper has a duty to see that nothing in its advertisements contravenes any criminal or civil law (the law makes no distinction between editorial and advertising columns); it has a duty to make quite clear that an advertisement is an advertisement, and not part of the editorial matter; it has a duty to open its advertising space to conflicting opinions; and it has a duty, should the question arise, to make clear its own view of the matter in dispute. (All these duties The

the present episode.)
Yet The Times, it is seriously argued, should have refused the advertisement-should, that is, have imposed censorship on columns which are supposed to be available to all those who will keep within the law and can pay for the space-because ir might have the effect of en-couraging those who "seek to sow the seeds of racial hatred". So indeed it might; it is difficult to think of anything a strongly committed partisan

Times has consistently ful-filled; nor has it been found

wanting in any of them over

hatred against Jews or Arabs. But there is a limit—conve-niently set, in Britain's case, by the Race Relations Act-to the necessity for newspapers and writers and speakers to go at the speed of the slowest in the convoy, and to guard their words from the possibility of giving offence.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews, in their statement, has said that The Times "has performed a disservice to its readers, who expect from it a high standard of journalistic ethics". On the contrary, The Times would have fallen below its high standard, in my opinion, if it had refused the advertisement, just as those newspapers which have refused to publish Aims of Industry advertisements, or have insisted on amendments to them. after pressure or threats from members of printing unions, have done a disservice to free speech as well as to themselves. And it is free speech which is at the heart of the argument. There are people who are

genuinely unable to feel that strong criticism of themselves, their associates, their causes or beliefs, should be permitted; there are others who think such criticism a kind of moral offence. There are undoubtedly some Jews who feel that Israel should never be attacked in print, and even some who feel

that anyone who does so attack

of anni-seminism myself, and I have no doubt I will be again after today), and that a newspaper which permits such artacks in its columns is likewise tainted. But the point about free speech is that it has to be up-held for the nasty as well as for the nice; indeed, there is a sense in which it is much more important for the nasty to have their say than the nice, for the unpopular view to be heard than the popular. For the battle over freedom of expression is only joined when there is a move to prevent someone having it, and nobody would ever seek to suppress generally acceptable views. The "Committee for

Justice in the Middle East, which placed the offending advertisement, is a body of little significance, and if its views pre-vailed generally there would be precious little justice in the Middle East or anywhere else. But its views must be met in open combat, not suppressed by newspapers which find them disasteful or offensive. Within the law, the advertisement columns of The Times are open to all, and I have will continue to be @ Times Newspapers Ltd, 1974

The lyric quoted by Bernard Levin on this page on Nov 26 was from the song *The Patriot* Game by Dominic Behan, published by Essex Music Inter-

oil. MPLA have made it clear

that they regard the enclave as an integral part of Angola and

Korea: Why the North-South deadlock will go on

The Koreans have scarcely yet erected into as stiff at lived in a world outside the intransigent a doctrine as the lived in a world ourside in the north. Mr Kim Il-sung state under the Yi dynasty adaptation of communism state under the Yi dynasty adaptation of communism Korean conditions under the colf-reliance compact Confucian society than China's size and diversity would allow; China's suzerainty was thus readily accepted and the movement constitution th only occasional intruders were

the Japanese. The mid-nineteenth century Western confrontation with China and Japan scarcely touched Korea; such modernization as was injected into the country in the last two decades of the century came through Chinese and Japanese channels. And just when a Korean nationalism was shaping up in the last years of the nineteenth century, China's defeat by Japan left Korea open to Japanese domination. From 1910 until the defeat of 1945, Korea was again walled into an East Asian enclosure.

With Japanese rule ended in 1945, Korea's arrested nationalism found the country divided for the purposes of the postwar occupation and thereby precipitated into the cold war. Both North and South Korea still bear the marks of that upbring-ing. It may be added that nothing but this unhappy history divides the one half from the other and that a consciousness of unity is very strong. Seen from outside Korea is an unhappy case of arrested development. The country often recalls the China of the day before yesterday. The disregard of international standards by the kidnapping in foreign countries of its own nationals who are opponents of the regime—Sun Yat-sen in London, 1896—with the South Korean CIA active in West Germany some years ago and in Tokyo last year. Or there is the histrionic affirmation but in fact sourious display tion but in fact spurious display of political emotions such as the victory march of Chiang Kai-shek's forces a few days before Shanghai fell to the communists in 1949, and the Korean Government-organized demon-strations against Japan in

strations against Japan in Seoul recently when demonstra-tors cut off their small fingers in dramatic gestures of hate (they were long-term serving prisoners reimbursed for the sacrifice). Obviously the country would be better off united. But the consciousness of Korean respon-

sibility for their own future has not yet taken full hold. Certainly if the country could be peacefully unified by some political compromise the Americans, the Russians and probably the Chinese would all accept it, but the encouragement all three countries have given has been nullified by intransigence. What, then are the future possibilities?

US fear of invasion

We must start again by meas. South Korea fully into the basic East Asian demands of nationalist fulfilment and total independence of outside power. For the nationalism both halves of the country may be satisfied by their leaders. For the independence, the communist North has it. The hindsight of scholarship now inclines to the view that Kim Il-sung was independent of the Russians and the Chinese from the beginning of his rule; certainly the Sino-Soviet dispute gave him any opportunity he needed to cut remaining ties while staying a little closer to China as history and preference would dictate.

The Americans would like to leave South Korea but fear they cannot. President Park urges them to stay, frightening them with stories of imminent invasion from the north. Thus no amount of stout nationalist assertion to prove that President Park is no pupper of the Americans (which he is not) can convince the South Koreans that they enjoy the same independence of outside powers as their northern neighbours.

Then there is the doctrine which Mr Kim Il-sung so extravagantly proclaims, as readily to a foreign audience as to his own people. Not to be outdone by the sage in Peking he now calls it "Kimilsungism" to empha-size the national flavour. What can match that in the south? The answer is that anti-com- appeared munism has in Seoul been and 16.

in the north. Mr Kim Il-sun banner of Juche (self-reliance follows Chairman Mao, while the south Yusin (the refor keeps President Park in powe and Saemaul (a village reco struction movement) both car parallels with the Mass Edution and New Life movemen that Chiang Kai-shek (a no le stern nationalist than Preside Park) introduced into China the early 1930s. The Confuci pattern of the authoritar. moral supremacy of the st persists. But anti-communibacked by uplift, may not be

satisfying or as vigorous. The north, with the grea independence and the m positive docurine is thus stronger politically, in E Asian terms. Nor is the so in any way founded on der cracy. President Park's instir are no less authoritarian ti Mr Kim Il-sung, but for I some formal acknowledgm of democratic practice is net sary to accord with the "sic to which South Korea leaned since the post-war or pation. No opposition politi party has any substance cause this Confucian soci offers no tradition for though urban resentment the Park regime has grown the past few years since made his rule semi-permane

No allegiance to the state

The Christian church Roman Catholic and Protest have lately been promin-Missionaries were the weste ers most easily intruded Korea at the end of the century and they were of agents of modernization as t were in China at the sa period. The result is that h Roman Catholic and Protest churches developed inder dently as indigenous po bases, though much suppor from abroad. They can play 1 part because they are binstitutions inserted into society owing no allegia directly to the all-power state; even the Korean of may be inhibited in such a

Yet the willingness to ac authority and the still str anti-communist posture will make for any political c promise with the north. If Americans did withdraw i few years' time, concluding the future state of Korea longer mattered to them, sident Park's authority w be very much undermi Against this must be set economic growth of the two decades which has bro also be added that in the text of East Asian modern tion, the West has a pul being seen as more advantechnologically and cultur than the communist alternat the Chinese are glad to l better relations with the An caus now for the same reason

This attachment to Western world may evok response among more pe than will feel the pull of mirigour in doctrine. So the II-sung regime in the north hold some long-term cards for some time the dead between north and south c remain umbroken.

Following President Fo reassuring visit to Seou North Korean-inspired re-tion at the United Nations the "withdrawal of all for troops stationed in South K under the flag of the Un. Nations" ended in a ried v. An American-sponsored am ment referring to the Secu Council the admittedly rele "dissolution of the Nations command" wa against strong Chinese option by 61 to 42 with 32 abs tions. The deadlock continu

Richard Ha

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Closed doors but open hearts in Moscow

Western visitors to the Soviet for her to find accommodation Union, particularly journalists, unless she was on official busiare practically unanimous in reporting that the natives are nervous of talking to foreign- a boy friend in Leningrad. ers. I put this to a Soviet journalist who was arranging some official interviews in Moscow for me. He said that the Russian people were warm and open and that any time I wanted to talk to a typical worker he would be happy to arrange it. I said I would not be terribly impressed by an officially selected typical worker and would like to choose someone myself on the

I thought he went a shade pale, so I let the matter rest for a day or two. Then I raised it again as we were driving along a Moscow street.
"Right", he said, "stop the
car. Who do you want to talk
to?" We leapt out and descended on a likely-looking youth. He turned out to be just about to start his military service. I asked him if he was looking forward to it. He was not. Did he think it would be a good idea it the Soviet Union had a volunteer army like the United States? Yes, great, he said. Did he think the Soviet Union was much threatened? Not much, though there were some people in the west who were against detente. What did he know about Britain? "A troubled country", he said, accurately enough, and then thought of the Beatles and brightened vis-ibly. He seemed refreshingly normal and relaxed and spoke a fair smattering of English. We tried another young man in a bookshop in Leningrad. He whispered to our guide

that he was not the best per-son to ask about Soviet life because be had applied for emigration. When this was translated I asked if he knew translated I asked if he knew that some Soviet Jews had been trying to get back from Israel. "But only a small percentage, surely", he said, speaking English. "And anyway I want to go to America. What happens when I get to Vienna? Is it easy to get a visa to America?" He seemed anxious at first but seemed anxious at first but relaxed when he apparently decided we were not the KGB.

Next we accosted a very charming girl who said she was a geologist from Siberia who had travelled entirely on her own to Leningrad to look at books. Later we learnt that although it would be easy enough for her to travel in this way it would not be easy

ness. She was shy and nervous and somewhat vague about her

Then we drove out to a rather drab youth club where some youngsters were playing ping-pong. They said they were quite happy with everything, that their flats were good, that they had no differences with their parents, that they were looking forward to military service, and that they would volunteer if there were no con-

Then gradually they began to fire back questions. "What about Northern Ireland? What about Chile? What about inflation in the West? What about the British Communist Party?"

I did my best and found in the course of this discussion that they swallowed all the official lies about Czecho-slovakia (but they were only teenagers) and that some of them thought that Russian workers lived better than British or American workers. But others were uncertain. "The present belongs to you but the future belongs to us", said of hostilities. All have agreed

I don't know whether they spoke their real thoughts, but it was lively discussion and nobody tried to stop it or censor the translation although it touched on some fairly sensit-

Later my wife and I went off on our own to a new housing development on the out-skirts of Moscow. A man flat was free but could not explain why. He said he shought he was better off than in the west and asked about prices.

In every case we asked mostly non-political questions and showed so much interest in living conditions that it was obvious we wanted to see a flat Nobody invited us in But nobody refused to talk or objected to what we were doing. Perhaps if we had had more time a door might have opened but foreign residents in Moscow said it was unlikely. Sadly, when a very delightful interpreter did invite us we could not make it.

I don't know what these encounters prove except that with or without an official guide one can talk to Russians an talk to Russians treet corners with g very much hap
Richard Davy

The divisions among the liberation movement go back a long way and are both political and ideological. MPLA, which is firmly Marxist, is led by Dr Augustino Neto, who has substantial intellectual support. It on windy street corners with-out anything very much hap-

Divisions that must be closed to avoid civil war in Angola



Dr Neto of MLPA: Back in overall control.

and white politicians. The actual details of power sharing and positions have not yet been worked out and here the pro-posals run into the divisions most vigorous militarily over the past few years. It has, how-ever, suffered, especially in the past two years, from internal splits. Dr Neto appears to be difficult to work with, and at speed up the process of agreement, spurred on recently by the violent riots in Luanda, the moment there are at least Angola's capital. Although there have been allegations of the troubles being caused by agents-provocateurs, ultimately it has been the ill-feelings, particularly those between MPLA and FNLA, that lie behind them. In fact all three factions one of which appears to be virtually joined to PNLA at the moment; but although Dr Neto was nearly frozen out earlier this year, he now appears to be back in over-all control. MPLA has had considerable support from Zambia and Tanzania. President Nyerere and Samora Machel, Frelimo's President, are firm personal supporters of Dr Neto.

apparently the size of the wel-come for UNITA's delegation when it arrived caused mis-givings to MPLA supporters. MPLA also claimed that there FNLA, led by Holden Roberto, has no such ideological leanings. some of their leaders; but most aggravating to MPLA sup-It is primarily based in Northern Angola and has had little porters was apparently the use of FNLA troops to help the support outside this area. Although it was in this part Although it was in this part that the struggle against the Portuguese started, MPLA certainly believe that since the mid-1960s FNLA have played very little part in the fighting. They have accused FNLA of opportunism and worse, and are highly enspirious of reports that highly suspicious of reports that FNLA have been doubling the

is the most broadly based of size of their armed forces the movements and has been the recently. Roberto's mentor and major supporter is President Moburu of Zaire, who has backed FNLA
UNITA, the smallest of the

three major movements, was also ideologically committed, though it appears to have lost some of its Maoist image since it stopped fighting. It was the first movement to stop fighting and was thus able to begin political acti-vities before the others. The leader, Jonas Savimbi, originally broke away from FNLA accus-ing Roberto of tribalism. However, in the wake of imminent recognition by the OAU, Savimbi has been involved in recent meetings in Kinshasha with Roberto. An agreement was signed between UNITA and FNLA at the end of November allowing FNLA to operate in UNITA areas, and arranging for joint political activity. Daniel Chipenda, leader of an MPLA faction was also at the meetings and appears to be closely linked with FNLA at the moment.

An area of disagreement be-tween MPLA and FNLA that became important last month was the Cabinda enclave that produces most of Angola's

that they are utterly opposed to the Liberation Front for the Cabinda Enclave (FLEC). This movement, which wants the independence of Cabinda, separane. from Angola, appeared earlier this year with the apparent connivance of the Portuguese governor. When MPLA sent a delegation to open an office in Cabinda, FLEC took the opportunity to try to establish that it was the major poli tical force in the enclave. The disturbances which followed caused a change of governor, the arrest of some other Portu-guese officers and FLEC was virtually outlawed. FLEC's members, or some of them, fled to Zaire which previously pro-vided them with a base and according to some reports, with arms. Since Zaire is such a strong supporter of FNLA, this support for FLEC has brought allegations that FNLA are also prepared to allow Cabinda to secede and has raised the sus-picion that President Mobuto has designs on the enclave. The fact that some Portugue

officers gave backing to FLEC points up the fact that there are still elements in Portugal that want to hang on to the wealth of Angola, or more particularly the oil; and just before his removal General Spinola was showing signs of being pro-FNLA. However the provisional High Commissioner for Angola, Admiral Rosa Coutinho has made it clear that he wants all three movements involved, and has been careful not to show any obvious learnings. Official Portuguese policy is similar. While Dr Soares was meeting Roberto and Savimbi in Kinshasha at the end of November, Mr Antunes, Minister in charge of Decolonization, was meeting Dr Neto in Algiers.

In this confused situation there is vital need for a quick agreement of some kind and the signs are that this will come soon; but even entry into a coalition government is most unlikely to settle the differences between the nationalist movements. Any agreement that they make is almost certain to be only temporary for what is at stake is future control of Angola. It is going to need political skill and statesmanship of a high order to close the division. The liberation leaders have not yet shown they have this; but unless they find it, the violence, of which Luanda has had a recent taste, is likely to continue and intensify.

And don't forget to say

Patrick Gilkes

The Times Diary Why the BBC must tell us all It is seldom that I find my- tions to Casanova were based on

Whitehouse, the honorary sec- opposed them, too. retary of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association. Indeed I do not think it has ever happened before. My views on money is spent, even if in what does and what does not some cases it means spending make good and acceptable a broadcasting are generally precisely the opposite of hers.

All the same, I have to support wholeheartedly her campaign to get the BBC to tell the public, on whose financial from the public ought to be support they depend, how obliged to answire much money they spend on individual programmes. Mrs whitehouse's assertion that I put the po f300,000 was spent on Casa-nova and f150,000 on Leeds United has been neither substantiated nor denied by the corporation, who say it would be against their policy to do so. I am not interested in the merits or otherwise of the two programmes, neither of which saw. From reading about the controversy over Leeds United it seems to me that objections to it were partly political, and I probably should not have

opposed them, too.
The professionals in the BBC

must be given a large measure of freedom to decide how their disproportionately amount on something which will have minority appeal.

The important issue is that of public accountability. A body which gets all its funds obliged to answer any question from anyone about how the

I put the point to a BBC spokesman, who appeared to belong to that school of communication which believes that if you say something firmly and often enough it will be believed, even if it is patently

ridiculous. "We believe in "We believe in public accountability," he said repea-tedly, reeling off a list of Government and other bodies to which the BBC had opened their books and their soul. They had even allowed themsupported them. If the object selves to be gone over by a

ants, who had pronounced themselves pleased with their efficiency.

accountability means accountability to the public. If the BBC really believed in it they would give Mrs Whitebouse and me and anyone the information we wanted.
I met the same obfuscation

when I inquired about another complaint by Mrs Whitehouse, that an airfield had been hired to display Shirley Bassey's name in lights for a Christmas spectacular. A different spokesman (a spekesman) ferent spokesman (a spokeswoman) dealt with this one, but belonged to the same school of heavy-handed public relations. It was quite wrong, she

maintained, to say that the air-field had been "hired". It was sation concerned Namibia the RAF airfield at Wittering and the BBC had merely been given "permission to use it". Did this then mean, I asked, that no fee was involved? That seemed to be the only situation in which the word "hire" (payment by contract for use of something) would be inap-

propriate.
No, it did not mean that at all, said the woman. She would neither confirm or deny that a fee had changed hands. (For

firm of management consult- Mrs Whitehouse's use of the word "hire" was justified.) demselves pleased with their Since no question of national security is involved, the BBC's Yes, but the phrase public coountability means accounts. our money means that they think they have something to hide, and that they do not con-sider ordinary people fit to be entrusted with their sensitive secrets. All we are required to do is to keep shelling out ever increasing sums of cash. It will

Cagey

Sean MacBride, in London on his way back to New York from receiving the 1974 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, gave a press conference at the offices of Amnesty International yesterconcerned Namibia (MacBride has just been nominated for a second term as the United Nations Commissioner for the area) and the sudden liberalization of political statements in southern Africa. MacBride remarked sourly

that the white politicians seemed more auxious to communicate with the rest of the world than with their own police. There had, he alleged, as yet been no amelioration of torture and prison conditions

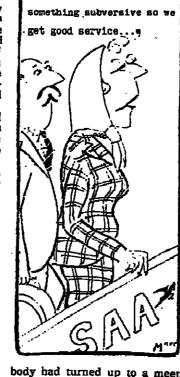
the subject of Ireland, Mac-Bride, whose father was executed by the British military and whose mother was also a leader in the independence movement, was imprisoned several times in the cause of Irish independence in his youth. On the first occasion he was only 14. Yesterday, however, he insisted he had nothing to say about Ireland.

One especially well-judged and mischievous suggestion from a reporter was that the IRA should put their case to the United Nations General Assembly, like Yassir Arafat. MacBride, who was briefly the TRA's chief of staff in the relatively tranquil 1930s, declined to comment.

Bike boom

Spokesmen (pardoning the pun) for the bicycle are rushing to its defence following my recent item asking what happened to the cycle boom. First to the telephone was Lord Avebury, a 'thoral near tube assured me Liberal peer, who assured me that he was constantly to be seen in the saddle, as was his party colleague John Pardoe and his fellow peer Lord Hail-

Then came a rather testy letter from a sales director of a leading cycle manufacturer.



body had turned up to a meeting of cycling fans in the House of Commons, was "regrettably subjective and uninformed". He reported that "potential cycle sales" (odd phrase) in the benefit of those unused to torture and prison conditions "Nothing has happened to the cycle sales" (odd phrase) in On the point of sleep, he dealing with slippery publicity, that means there certified that means there conditions "Nothing has happened to the cycle sales" (odd phrase) in On the point of sleep, he cycle boom", he furned, adding Britain this year would top a was aware of his friend climb-cists, that means there certified that means there can be added to the cycle sales. The point of the point of sleep, he cycle boom this dressing to the cycle sales. The point of the cycle sales. The point of the cycle sales of the cycle sales of the cycle sales of the cycle sales. The point of the point of the point of the cycle sales of the cycle sales of the cycle sales. The point of the cycle sales of the cycle sales of the cycle sales of the cycle sales of the cycle sales. The point of the cycle sales of

had been progressing nicely since 1964, when his company launched a high fashion unisex machine. Things would be even better if some streets in Central London were allotted solely to bicycles at the week-

The Director of the British Cycling Bureau, Nicholas Cole, weighed in with a further letter. "It is not so much what happened to the bicycle boom", he wrote, "but when are we going to enjoy a real bicycle boom? With petrol at 65p and rising it could well be 1975." Promises, promises.

Transported

My description last month of a railway sleeping car in which I travelled to Thailand, with curtained bunks ranged on either side of a central corridor has instanted by the curtained bunks ranged on either side of a central corridor has instanted by the curtained by the corridor but in the curtain of the dor, has inspired a charming reminiscence from David Walker of Kensington. He says they sound like the carriages used in the United States in the early 'thirties.

He and a friend were travelling from New York to Chicago. At dinner they shared a table with another man and an attractive girl. Walker left the table first and his friend returned some time later

chatting to the girl.
On the point of sleep, he was aware of his friend climb-

down the corridor. Next m ing the attendant, bearing could not get a response f the upper bunk. The attendant asked Wa if he had seen the missing and Walker said be had . . him going towards the I coach Too bad", said the attend. "We dropped that coach Ohio."

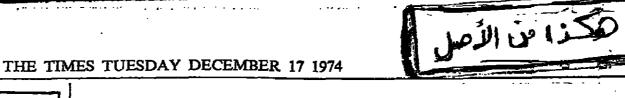
Lord O

Lord Olivier's illness is li to keep him in hospital (Christmas. He is reported be in good spirits, altho Sussex County Hospital, Bri on, for some seven weeks fering from muscular inflation He is spending much of time studying the libretto tapes of Verdi's Mack which he has been invited in direct at the Metropol Opera, New York, in 1976.

Hardly had yesterday's Diary the streets, with its criticism a broadcaster for talking al "children in a school situation than Richard Baker repeated offence in the BBC's Start Week. He asked Ronnie Cor how much he ad-libbed "i pantomime situation". The si tion is getting out of hand.

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M CHIRAC'S BRILLIANT

The sudden election of M eneral of the Gaullist Party on Saturday morning has stretched the resources of France's political vocabulary. It is certainly a vocabulary. It is certainly a vocabulary. But was it also the "coup de force" deplored by M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, or even the "coup d'état" gleefully noted by the opposition leader, M François Mitterrand? As for the resignation of M Alexandre Sanguinetti to make way for M Chirac, it was, according to M Chaban-Delmas, a "pantalonnade", since only the day before M Sanguinetti had been heard saying he intended to stay on.

M Chirac certainly succeeded in taking his opponents by surprise. If Le Monde is to be helieved, he first broached the idea of taking over the party leadership at a dinner with the "barons" of Gaullism-MM Debré, Couve de Murville, Chaban-Delmas, Messmer, Frey and Guichard—on Thursday night. The "barons" made it clear that they were against the idea, but were apparently under the impression that in any case it would not be put forward before February. On Friday, when telegrams were sent out announcing a meeting of the Central Committee at 8.30 the following norning, most of its hundred-odd members had no idea what the purpose of the meeting was to be. Why then did M Chirac's

nomination go through by 57 votes to 27, against the opposition of the historic leaders of the party? Partly no doubt because the opposition had not been given any chance to find a credible alternative. The status quo could not be prolonged because M San-guinetti was no longer prepared to be the whipping-boy of party malcontents. His clumsy attempts to defend a government with which he himself was temperamentally never in sympathy had exhausted the credit he once enjoyed in the party as a battlescarred Gaullist warhorse.

M Jacques Legendre, an assistant secretary-general, put himself forward as a compromise candidate but this was brushed aside by M Chirac. Forced to choose between the prime minister and this unknown figure, the majority understandably chose the former. Not to do so would have been to precipitate a complete rupture between party and government, leading possibly to a vote of censure in the National Assembly and thus to a general election which the party is clearly in no condition to fight.

M Chirac's election may thus have postponed a splir, but it can hardly have averted it. Many influential Gaullists already found the party's subordination to a predominantly non-Gaullist government a grievous humiliation. For these the sight of the party machine in the hands of the head of that government-aman who, in the eyes of many of them, betrayed the party to secure his own personal advancement when he refused to support M Chaban-Delmas against M Giscard d'Estaing—will surely be intolerable. The conflict between Giscardian and anti-Giscardian Gaullists is thus exacerbated, but M Chirac's "coup" (whatever its exact status) has given a tactical advantage to the former.

The idea that the legacy of such an extreme individualist as Charles de Gaulle could take the form of an organized political party always seemed paradoxical. With hindsight, it now seems increasingly absurd. One section of the party now seems destined to become a vehicle for the personal ambition of M Chirac: ideologi-cally it will be hard to distinguish from the Independent Republican party which proved such a successful vehicle for the ambition of M Giscard d'Estaing. Another section will no doubt try to keep alive "pure" Gaullism somewhere in the centre of the political spectrum, in alliance with—if not under the leadership of—the guardian of the "Pom-pidolian" legacy, M Michel Jobert. But already there are men who call themselves Gaullists in almost every political party.
Gaullism lives on, and will probably live long, both in France's political institutions and in the approach of almost every French political thinker to the outside

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY STRENGTHENS IN PORTUGAL

arty conferences before the runip to the elections for the constiuent assembly in March. The orizon is not quite as red as it as predicted it would be when eneral Spinola's replacement by eneral Gomes seemed to put the ountry into the hands of the miliant left. The challenge of the adical militants within the ocialist Party led by Dr Mario pares was beaten back at the ingress just concluded, and the oderate leaders were confirmed control. Though the Socialist arty is Marxist in its inspiration -2s theoretically committed to e supersession of capitalism id private enterprise as is the itish Labour Party-it is for e present wedded to gradualism id democracy and it vehemently poses communist ambitions and

The Communist Party, however, hile attacking such "opportunm" by its socialist opponents, so found it politic at its own ingress some weeks ago to avoid stremism (indeed it denounces aoism as extremism), to play own the dictatorship of the protariat and to make clear that if gained power it would not veep away small enterprise at stroke. There is good reason r caution by both socialists and

mmunists. The election must

The major Portuguese political be won in the countryside at least sarties have now all had their as much as in the industrial areas, as much as in the industrial areas, and neither can be sure of

agrarian support. The communists, for instance, working hard to create an agricultural labourers' union which they could control, have found that the farm workers want the big estates broken up to provide them with small peasant holdings, not jobs in state-run collectives. The peasantry is just as reactionary about the land it has. It is here that the non-Marxist left wing party, the Popular Democrats, may find its strength, balancing the Marxists' grip on local government by a useful understanding with the Church. While big business is everybody's Aunt Sally, Portugal is still in many ways a land of peasants and petty bourgeois for whom the authoritarian Marxist state has decreasing appeal as events unfold.

Another sign of communist doubts of a sweeping victory in March (there are suggestions that they will not garner more than 15 per cent of the vote despite their two thousand organizers financed, so their opponents allege, by the Russians) is the announced intention of the Portuguese Democratic Movement to contest the election. This party is the ad hoc coalition of all opposition groupings which was allowed to campaign at election time under

short of those laid down in the

Housing Acts. Landlords may

impose unreasonable restrictions

or resort to harassment and

sometimes do very comfortably

out of their uncontrolled rents.

Councils have limited powers to

ensure that standards are kept up

(and often make too little effort

to, tooms for this purpose being

The chief reason why the num-

ber of people living in this way

has increased so greatly in the past couple of years is the coun-

try's failure to build enough

houses. The latest figures, for

October, do not indicate that

recovery will be rapid. But much

of the blame must be taken by

the Rent Act of 1974, which

extended to furnished accommo-

dation the same controls which

had already contributed to the

virtual disappearance of the

The Shelter report only par-

tially avoids the philosophy of

treating symptoms which lay behind that Act. Clearly the pur-

suit of the exploiter has reached

the point where no solution is to

be found in heaping the same

controls on the bed and break-

fast trade. Apart from anything

else, no family of five would want

a lifetime's security in one room.

The report applies itself to the

underlying problem of general

shortage and proposes, first, the

requisitioning of empty property,

and second, a body to repair

short-life housing, take over hotels catering exclusively for

the homeless, and lease rooms on

a short-term basis to councils.

unfurnished rental market.

difficult to find).

the Caetano regime. It should therefore now be wound up, as most socialists and liberals have left it. But the communists are still running it and apparently hope that its moderate image may decoy votes away from their indignant opponents.

The centre party, or parties, can now hardly hold meetings without police protection and recently had their Oporto headquarters burned down. The entrists provide a useful bogy for the other parties—a sort of living testimony to the possibility of counter-coups which all revolutionaries regard as natural and necessary. But they can hope for few seats in the assembly. This is likely to be divided, perhaps in fairly equal measure, between the Communists, Socialists and Popular Democrats. In theory they will then draw up a constitution for election in October 1975. But the communists are now insisting that seats must be reserved for the Armed Forces Movement as such—a body in whose leadership of about two hundred the communists exert (as in the Portuguese Democratic Movement) considerable leverage. Communist tactics hardly suggest that "the revolution" is yet comfortably under party management. The Socialist Congress has shown that the moderate left has real strength.

ED AND BREAKFAST HOUSING

'hen a family has nowhere to re and their housing authority unot accommodate them even a hostel or a house waiting to demolished, the alternatives e for the children to be taken to care or for the family to be it temporarily into a cheap itel. As Shelter's report on bed id breakfast accommodation, iblished yesterday, shows, uncils are having recourse more id more often to the second. ternative. A family of four or ve may be put in one small om with very unsatisfactory oking and sanitary facilities, id may have to stay there for onths on end, at considerable pense to the ratepayers. Shelter timate that the national cost of using people in this way will about £4.5m this year, with the eatest part of it falling on indon. It seems clear, however, at there is usually more to be id for such an arrangement an for breaking a family up of only because of the family's vn interests but also because e cost of keeping children in

re may be higher still. The report describes the tributions that people may suffer sen reduced by necessity to a e of beds and breakfasts. The ndition of cheap hotels in big ties is something of a scandal lite apart from the stresses troduced by the change from ansient to semi-permanent cupation. Understaffed fire partments are still very far om ensuring that every hotel mplies even approximately with e Fire Precautions Acts. Space id sanitary standards often fall

Hambone chorus

om Mr Lionel Abel-Smith

r, At my preparatory school in the 30's our version was as follows:

e's in the duck pond learning how

rst he does the backstroke, then

against the tide."
Ours faithfully,

IONEL ABEL-SMITH,

roves,

asmarsh,

ow he's under the water swimming

Jemima, look at your Uncle Jim;

he does the side;

to swim.

the effect of the closed shop on the engineering profession, and it would be well for a country which depends for its survival on its technological expertise to take note of the situation to which he calls attention.

It is unfortunate that in Britain the distinction between the professional engineer who holds a degree or equivalent qualification and the technician or the craftsman is blurred or non-existent in the public mind. Professional engineers themselves, however, have always been conscious of the vital role they play and their professional obligations both to their employers and to the public. As a result, few have wished to join the trade unions representing the majority of employees in the

desperate resort which would be highly unpopular and, if the safeguards were to be adequate. almost as unwieldy as the com-pulsory purchase procedures whose delays constitute Shelter's chief ground for making the proposal. The new Housing Emergency Office seems to derive chiefly from a mistrust of housing departments' capacity to do their own jobs. It is often true that councils do not make the fullest use of housing waiting for demolition or rebuilding, and are not well adapted to meeting short-term needs in general, but the disadvantages of a whole new bureaucracy are at first sight for-

As for requisitioning, it is a

On all sides in this field the problem of providing accommodation is closely related to the problem of regaining possession. Councils would be readier to cooperate with squatters' groups if they could be sure that when the house is needed they will be able to regain possession (their doubts will have been reinforced by a recent court case). Landlords would be prepared to open up their empty rooms if only they could be sure of reclaiming them at some foreseeable moment. The problem affects not only the homeless, but every newly married couple saving up for a house, and many workers who need to be mobile. A law to make possible a properly safeguarded terminable lease would make available more dwellings overnight than years of work with bricks and mortar.

ralized employers and shortly, if the Government has its way, a new law, will compel many members of the country's most vital profession, under threat of "fair" dismissal, and against their will, to join one of the largest and most militant

Our technological rivals in Europe and elsewhere hold their engineering professions in the highest esteem with the result that it is the ambi-tion of their most brilliant youngsters to join them. Which country has the right idea? Yours faithfully,

J D. SAMPSON, General Secretary, The United Kingdom Association of Professional Engineers, Wix Hill House, West Horsley. Surrey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State assistance in cathedral upkeep

From the Treasurer of Wells Cathedral

Wells Cathedral
Sir, In your admirable leading article (December 11) you point perceptively to the case for regular state aid for the upkeep of cathedrals and other ecclesiastical monuments. Wells Cathedral is one of these few not yer having borner. monuments. Wens Cathedral is one of those few not yet having begun major repair or restoration work. Nor has there in the past been the need for a major appeal.

Most readers will know of the unique architectural and artistic beauty of Wells and be aware, from

previous correspondence and elsewhere, of the urgent needs of preser-vation which place a heavy burden of responsibility on the Dean and

We believe we epitomize the posi-tion you describe. Set in a tiny city, in a vastly rural area, we neverthe-less attract thousands of visitors annually, many from overseas. For every reason we must maintain the belance between preserving our in-ternationally renowned beauty and being a living sign of twentieth-century Christianity.

The thought of another major

appeal cannot be appealing! Would that the case for some regular state aid he repeated and taken up, firmly and sympathetically.
Yours faithfully,
A. L. BIRBECK,

2 The Liberty, Wells, Somerset. December 11.

From Mr Michael Hooker Sir, Since I have been professionally involved in eight historic cathedral

appeals, perhaps I may be allowed to answer Mr Carpenter Turner's accusation in your issue of Decem-

I can see nothing "dishonest" in linking the conservation of the stained glass and fabric with the needs of the musical foundation so long as the promotional literature makes it clear how contributions will be spent. Naturally, press reports tend to emphasize the fabric and, in the case of Canterbury, the match-less glass. No doubt the writers conclude that these are the aspects of particular interest to readers. From my own experience, I would confirm that judgment but I have no evidence that any contributors wish cathedrals to become lifeless monuments, which would surely happen if their distinctive musical tradition and their ministry of wel-come were abandoned because of lack of funds.

Yours, etc. MICHAEL HOOKER, Managing Director, Michael Hooker & Associates Ltd, Fund Raising Consultants to Educational and other Charities Campaign Direction, Darkes Lane. Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, December 16.

Clergy stipends

From the Reverend Robert Warren Sir, The spiritual dimension has been significantly missing from the correspondence about

In our own church (which is far from unique) giving has increa in the last two years from £3,600 to £9,800 per annum. Missionary giving has risen from £400 to £4,600 during the same period; though congregations have increased by less than 20 per cent. We have had no stewardship campaign and only regular church-goers have been giving. Spiritual factors (prayer, faith, love, etc.), alone explain this situative, tion, and surely the Church Com-missioner's contribution to the need to take account of these as

well as of the statistics. However, even where giving is healthy almost every effort of the laity is thwarted. Any gift they make is deducted from the Church Commissioners's contribution to the stipend My own Parochial Church Council has abolished the Easter offering as a dishonest practice since it is no sense a gift (as many who give sacrificially imagine). Surely ways can and must be found to encourage, not stifle, the giving of the laity.`

Yours faithfully, ROBERT WARREN, 18 Hallamgate Road, Sheffield 10.

Electoral reform

From Miss Enid Lakeman Sir, Anthony Wigram's article (December 6) is very welcome. (December 6) is very welcome, especially for its valuable table showing the political characteristics of 17 states. This should help to put an end to ill-founded generalizations such as that proportional electoral systems produce unstable govern-

Unfortunately, the article itself contains an extraordinary mis-statement: that the single transferable vote in multi-member constituencies is not "designed to introduce the principle of proportionality". If Mr Wigram means that the electoral law does not lay down in so many words, as the Continental party list systems do, that each party shall obtain seats in proportion to its votes, that is true, but the effect of the system is just that. STV gives proportional representation to

the parties with exactly the same accuracy as a list system, provided the number of members elected from a constituency is the same.

The great difference is that STV also gives, with the same degree of accuracy, proportional represents. accuracy, proportional representa-tion to any other important groups that may exist—left-wing and right-wing, pro and anti-EEC, for the present party leadership and for a change, etc, etc. Each MP owes his seat to the free choice of his constituents, who, in the next election, can either show their confidence in him by giving him their first preferences or, as the case may be, replace him by some other man or woman of the same party. That is a point in which a list system like the German one totally fails. Yours faithfully, ENID LAKEMAN, Director,

Electoral Reform Society,

6 Chancel Street.

Southwark, SE1.

Breaking the Ulster stalemate

From Mr Bruce Anderson

Sir, The letter on Northern Ireland from six Labour MPs (December 13) contains a fundamental misconception which viriates its arguments.

"It is about as useful to say that
the people of Ireland must decide
their own future" as it would be
to say that the people of Cyprus
or the people of the Indian Empire must decide their own future: there are two peoples in Ireland, quite as distinct as the Greek and Turkish Cypriots, and any solution which ignores this would, if put into effect, lead to civil war. Uster Unionism is not a matter of the idiosyncracies of Messrs Paisley, Craig, and West: it is 900,000 people, a two-thirds majority of the population of the six counties of Northern Ireland.

Three axioms must underlie government policy on Ulster. Whereas continuation of the present impasse is impossible, troop withdrawal is unthinkable. There is no danger of civil war as long as British troops remain in Ulster: if they were with-drawn, there is no way in which civil war could be avoided. Secondly, no recrudescence of the evils of the Stormont system-which have in And thirdly, there is no necessary connexion between the perfectly justifiable demands of the Civil Rights campaign and Irish nationalism. Given the history of Northern Ireland, it was inevitable that the former should develop into the latter, but unless one is a blood-and soil nationalist in the tradition of Mussolini, Hitler, and the Provisional IRA, then one cannot deny the Protestants of Ulster their right to self-determination—though one can belatedly insist, as the price of an absolute guarantee of continued British support, that they conduct their political affairs in an accept-

able manner. It is of course easier to say what cannot be done in Ulster than it is to suggest viable positive measures. There remain the problems of defeating the Provisionals, who will always be irredentist and irreconcilable, of securing the acquiescence of the Catholics to the future arrangements for Ulster, and of securing Protestant acceptance of a quasi-Sunningdale settlement which alone will make such acquiescence possible. And this is quite apart from the difficulty of satisfying British public opinion that there is only one possible responsible policy, and that the losses and sufferings which that policy will entail are a cruel necessity. In the past few months the Northern Ireland Office has been rather inactive: what is needed is a major political initiative involving all sections of opinion in Ireland, and in which the British Government must forcefully define its objectives. The very fact that the question of troop withdrawal appears to be on the agenda is damaging: it raises the Provisionals morale, increases Protestant insecunity and therefore support for paramilitary organizations, and serves generally to convince all sections of Irish opinion that the British are merely bewildered, temporary, and

political activity is preparation for

er Tag. Modern history could easily be written in terms of the malign development of nationalism and development of battonaism and nationalist conflicts: it is only too likely that all attempts to secure a just solution in Ulster will fail. In that case drastic measures such as boundary redrawal and movement of population— the very contempla-tion of which seems to involve a negation of the values of rationality in politics—would have to be im-plemented: anything is better than civil war. civil war.

Anyone optimistic about the Irish Anyone optimistic about the frish situation would immediately be certified as psychotic by any competent psychiatrist, but however high the odds against success, there is still time—there must still be time—for an urgent, radical, and decisive imitiative by Westminster. Yours faithfully,

BRUCE ANDERSON, 115 Mortlake Road, Kew, Surrey.

From Mr Alastair Cowdy Sir, In a depressing and partly realistic article ("Back beyond Square One in Ulster's aim of power-sharing", December 12), Hugh Munro argues that power-sharing within Northern Ireland cannot, by

definition, work. Yet he offers no more precise definition of power-sharing than the implied one of a means of reconciling Unionist with Nationalist.".

Neither of those crude and mis-

leading terms was used in either the power-sharing White Paper of March, 1973 or the Constitution Act which followed it, and rightly so. They dealt with the reality of two leading appropriate tribes known for largely segregated tribes known, for convenience, as Protestants and Catholics. That these tribes tend overwhelmingly to have differing political loyalties is beyond dispute; but for an experienced Dublin correspondent to continue to refer, after all this time, simply to the "Unionist" and "Nationalist" populations is a facile and dangerous oversimplification. Every shred of evidence which has emerged from the province, from the most rose-tinted opinion poll to the most catastrophic election result, has still suggested that by far the least unpopular political option is continuance as a guaranteed part of the United Kingdom (subject only to decennial referenda) with a devolved administration containing both respected and representative Catholics and Protestants. The rock on which British policy has foundered

Now that the ill-timed artempt to revive the Council of Ireland has, as Mr Muuro concedes, been consigned to the dustbin, a major obstacle to real and acceptable power-sharing has been removed. If Mr Rees could only bring himself to demand talks, now, on the sub-ject of security between the parties in Northern Ireland, we might even see some progress towards at least a temporary peace. Yours faithfully,

is merely the terms on which such an administration might be con-

and that therefore the only relevant 40 Colville Terrace, W11.

Britain and the Middle East

From Mr P. Mathias

December 12.

From Mr D. A. Franklin

Sir, No one doubts your newspaper's formal right to publish advertisements which are legal and profitable. Today you defend the appearance of the advertisement financed by a "Committee for Justice in the Middle East" (The Times, December 11) in a leader about freedom (December 12). Others may regard that as moral posturing to cover the prostitution of your pages. The point is simple such advertisements demean The Times: they diminish its stature and threaten its reputation. Yours faithfully, PETER MATHIAS. All Souls College, Oxford.

Sir, Out of your own mouths ye are condemned. Your admission on Saturday that you have refused a second insertion of the advertisement "Shouldn't Britain Come First?" shows up exactly the true nature of that advertisement—and also reveals the shoddiness of your attempts to excuse your printing it. If the advertisement is improper now, it was improper before, and it is an insult to the intelligence of your readers to try to pretend that you could not forecast the results of displaying it or that somehow it was acceptable the first time but unacceptable later. You cannot honourably defend the charge that in publishing it you have done other than provide publicity for an incite-ment to racial hatred; if it is not incitement to identify a section of British citizenry and to insinuate— if that is not too weak a word—that

short, then what is?
The fact that the insinuations are a lie is neither here nor there—they have the respectability of a platform

they are somehow selling Britain

in The Times to support them, and you have done a terrible disservice to the Jewish community of this country and to everyone else—yourselves included—by giving them this platform. The Guardian, which is not particularly noted for its pro-Zionist tendencies and which could hardly be regarded as in any years. hardly be regarded as in any way less jealous of press freedom than yourselves, knew what it was being asked to do and honourably refused; could not The Times have seen the wood for the trees also?

The Board of Deputies is right to ask for a prosecution, and I hope their application is successful. If the Attorney General refuses to prose-cute, the board should consider bringing a private prosecution.
Yours faithfully, D. A. FRANKLIN,

7 Greenway, Southgate, N14.

From Mr Y. E. Candan Sir, Thank you for the courage you have shown in publishing the Justice for Palestine advertisement. We

know only too well how difficult it is to get our point of view across. and can imagine the courage it must have taken, against all the usual pressures, to insert this advertise-I am afraid that as long as the press and media in this country in

particular, and the West in general, continue to cover the Middle East situation in such a one-sided, biased manner, these expensive advertise-ments will have to remind the British public that there are two sides to every problem. Thanking you once again, I am, Yours sincerely,

Y. E. CANAAN, 17a Northampton Road, Croydon, Surrey. December 12.

Planning delays

From the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute

Sir, "Planning delay" (leading article, December 6) is a fine emotive phrase. The deceptively simple cases quoted in your correspondence columns as evidence of planning delays are usually much more complex than they seem. In major developments, a period of one or even two years' delay may not be too long when the social, economic and environmental consequences have to be understood and the local, regional and perhaps even national impact assessed. As a democratic nation we require rights of appeal and a full opportunity for citizens and affected bodies to be consulted; as a cultured nation we demand that our developments should be of good quality, should fit sympathetically into their environment and should not damage our architectural heri-

tage. All these processes take time. The true delays that do occur are due to detailed political involve-

ment, shortages of planning staff, shortages of staff for processing appeals, and cumbersome procedures. Delay for those reasons must not be confused with the statutory and administrative processes required to deal with each application equitably and constructively in the interests of the community, which is what local politicians, planners and their colleagues in local govern-ment and government are striving to

We are all looking forward to the Dobry Report, but we must not misunderstand what it is going to achieve. The institute hopes that it will lead to the speeding up of administrative and political procedures but will not diminish the time and effort spent in achieving quality in the environment by development control means. Yours sincerely,

SYLVIA LAW, President, The Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, W1. December 12.

Lending toll on library books

From Mr Basil Bunting
Sir, Let me protest against the
thoughtless proposals to pay authors
some kind of toll on books borrowed from libraries. They are bound to

cripple literature.

Even on the face of them it must be evident that they would increase the rewards of best-seller writers without materially improving the pittances of serious writers. Learned, necessary books, books of hardwrought poetry or works of marked originality are seldom borrowed, and a few pence a year, less income tax, would hardly make it more attractive to compose them tax, would hardly make it more attractive to compose them. But in a system which leaves authors at the mercy of publishers it will not be long before royalties and advances are diminished by as much as the publisher expects the toll to bring. Then publishers, indeed, may pay their shareholders better dividends, but even the best-seller writers will be no better off and the serious writers even worse

and the serious writers even worse off than now.

Besides, any lending toll, whether paid by readers, by ratepayers or out of taxes, must be very expensive to collect and distribute, and the cost must be borne by the funds the country grudges already for art or education. Either the libraries must lose part of their keep or the arts councils some of what they might

hope for otherwise. In short, how-ever public accountancy might con-trive to disguise it, the toll would be in effect a tax on knowledge or a tax on art or both.

To tax readers or writers for the benefit of publishers and particularly to tax serious readers and serious writers for the benefit of those who publish "what the public wants" is a proposal only publishers and dupes can support. It cannot fail to injure men whose work is indispensable in a civilized land, and worse paid than that of a labourer.

Yours faithfully, BASIL BUNTING, Shadingfield, Wylam, Northumberland. December 11.

Funds for the arts

From Mr Keith Lucas Sir, May I add a special plea to that implicit in your leader headed. "Striking a Fair Balance for the

With my colleagues I have been concerned that in all the urgent current debate about Government funding of the Arts, little has been heard about the plight of the art of film; and almost nothing of the art of television. Yet on a number of grounds film and television seem particularly to merit consideration. Mr Jenkins stressed "the incon-

testable truth that an arts policy is vulnerable unless it has the support of the public". No other arts have ever made so direct and forceful an appeal to so broad a public as film and television.

In a remarkably short time—less than 80 years, the cinema has built up a rich cultural heritage—in the

vorks of Chaplin, Renoir, Griffith, Bergman, Stroheim, Fellini, Eisenstein, Kurosawa, and scores of other artists whose works stand comparison with the finest literary or graphic achievements of their time. Yet film and television are vulner-able in a way that no other form is. Paintings would survive (however wretchedly) without galleries, the drama without theatres, literature without publications. But the actual physical matter of film and video-

physical matter of the and vine-tape are peculiarly ephemeral. The great masterworks of cinema can only survive by virtue of constant and costly processes of conservation. as indeed can the growing number important works produced for

Looking to the future, too, as film production becomes economically more hazardous, the efforts of those of us who are committed, officially to "encourage the art of film and television" become constantly more vital, urgent and real, to ensure their survival as independent artistic activities.

There have been encouraging signs that the Government is showing sympathy to the arguments put forward by the Arts Council and others. It seems likely that they will give significant tangible support for the work of the Arts Council Let us hope that an equal response will be forthcoming for the work of the British Film Institute.

May I add my own urging to your insistence that "the Government would be right not to let its hand fall too heavily on the arts next year".

Yours faithfully, KEITH LUCAS, Director, British Film Institute, 81 Dean Street, W1. December 11.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday From Signor Franco Zeffirelli

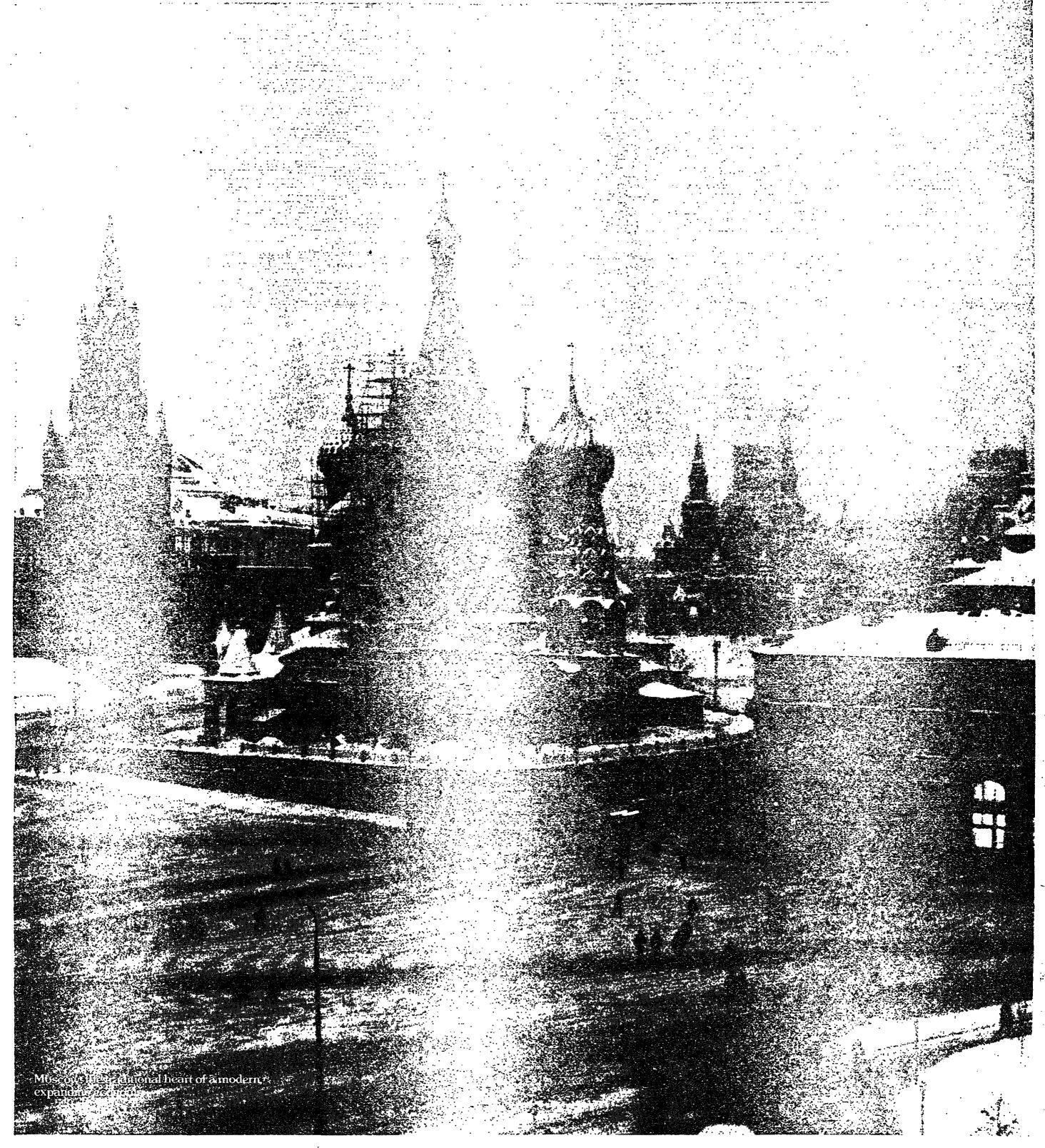
Sir, I have no wish to take part in the rather undistinguished Neapoli-tan comedy that Eduardo De Filippo has written with the collaboration of your Rome correspondent, though it is a mystery to me that such a piece has found space on the front page of your paper. It doesn't add anything to the prestige of The Times, I am afraid. What I feel I have to clarify to

your readers, however, is the wonderful contribution I received from the actors of the American production of Saturday, Sunday, Monday. It was a lovely company, one of the best I've ever worked with, and they poured as much talent and hopes in this work as their English colleagues. They fought like brave soldiers for the play but unfortunately their efforts were in vain, simply because (though the New York production was absolutely identical to the London one) England seems to appreciate De Filippo's kind of theatre and America does not.

It often happens, and vice versa, and De Filippo should know it. He has enough age and experience to have learned by now how to face the unfortunate moments of life with a more sportsmanlike grace. Yours, etc. FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI,

Via Appia Pignatelli 448, Rome, Italy.

losed shop for engineers engineering industry. The public should be alarmed that a combinarom Mr I. D. Sampson tion of aggressive unionism, demoir, In his letter today (December 3) Mr Denis Sweaney has described December 13.



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KINGHAM PALACE ember 16: The Queen, with The Ke Andrew and The Prince and, was present this evening a Premiere of the film The at at the Top of the World at Leicester Square Theatre in aid he London Taxidrivers' Fund underprivileged Children. Underprivileged Children. ie Lady Susan Hussey, Mr iam Heseltine and Major Robin e were in attendance.

Duke of Edinburgh, as ig Duke of Edinburgh, as ident of the Central Council of ital Recreation, this evening part in the recording of a vision Programme on Sport Youth at the Television Centre, ad Rupert Nevill was in

TCHED HOUSE LODGE HMOND PARK mber 16: Princess Alexandra

present at a Soirée held at borough House for the Royal monwealth Society for the 1, of which Her Royal Highness esident. e Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard in attendance. Duke of Gloucester will be

tied to the freedom and g of the Masons' Company afterwards attend a court gon at Mercers' Hall, London. ess Alexandra will be present incaster House for a reception I by the Women's National mission to inaugurate Inter-

nal Women's Year, on Janu-Duke of Fife wishes to express thanks for the flowers and s he has received after his us car accident. He regrets he is unable to reply to them

tal until the end of January

He expects to be in

rrow School

winter term ends today. hill centenary songs were in the Albert Hall on October the presence of Baroness er Churchill and other memer Churchill and other mem-of the Churchill family. 2 Cock House match was won lest Acre (Mr J. Webster) beat Newlands (Mr M. G. e) by 9 pts to 3. The Torpid was won by Elmfield (Mr l. Pailthorpe) who beat The (Mr G. R. R. Treasure) by 10.10

nt term begins on Tuesday, ry 14.

iday closures

nt monuments and historic ngs in the care of the Secrengs in the care of the Secret if State for the Environment the Secretary of State for will be closed to the public December 24 to 25 inclusive a January 1 with the follow-

Painted Hall and Chapel at oyal Naval College, Green-(closed December 21 to 27 ive and January 1); the leting House (December 23 i inclusive and January 1); ick House (December 23 to relusive and December 30 to

ndicapped children

government committee set up the chairmanship of Mrs Warnock, research fellow in sophy at Lady Margaret Hall, d, to review the education adicapped children and young le, is now ready to take evidle, is now ready to take evidence information and guidance: the form in which evidence d be submitted can be ned from Mr J. C. Hedger, at Room 3/96, Departof Education and Science, beth House, London, SE1.

rriage L McMullan

Miss V. Coleman marriage took place at Chel-kegister Office on December 1974, between Mr Harold ullan and Miss Verena Cole-

day's engagements

Duke of Edinburgh, president the Council of Engineering situtions, presents MacRobert ard, Buckingham Palace, 3. Prince of Wales attends kheon given by RNVR Asso-tion, Naval Club, Hill Street, yfair, 12.45. n Elizabeth the Queen Mother and concert to mark twenty-st anniversary of Bar Musical ciety, Middle Temple Hall, 8. ess Alexandra, vice-president the British Red Cross Society d patron of the Junior Red Oss, is present at performance pantomime Aladdin on Ice, in I of the Loadon branch of the ziery, Wembley Ice Stadium.

h-hour dialogue: Miss Joyce enfell with the Rev Joseph Culloch, St Mary-le-Bow, repside, 1.05.

meeting, County Hall, 2.30.

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st appointments include:
Commodore G. C. Cairus,
terly Commandant, Aeroplane
Armament Experimental Estabbent, Boscomhe Down, to be
stant Chief of the Air Staff
erational Requirements) at the
istry of Defence with rank of
vice-marshal.

Covernment

e Minister of State for Foreign I Commonwealth Affairs was it yesterday at a luncheon in Jour of the Austrian Ambassa-

titute of Metal Finishing the annual luncheon of the situte of Metal Finishing held slerday at the Europa Hotel. I toast of the institute was prosed by Dr H. M. Finniston, to deh Mr T. L. Houghton, presitate responded. The other takers were Dr S. Wernick and C S. Pullinger.

The Pope condemns infidelity within Church

From Peter Nichols Rome, Dec 16 The Pope, in an apostolic

exhortation issued today on the subject of reconciliation which he has chosen to mark the coming Holy Year, gives expression to the need for unity within the Roman Catholic Church which is remarkable for its mixture of confidence and anxiety. He points out that the Holy Year in Rome, which he will declare open on Christmas Eve, is "a moment of great importance for the entire world, which is looking to the Church". The goal is to be reconcilation, founded on conversion to God and the interior renewal of and the interior renewal of Man, and which would heal the rifts and disorders from which mankind and the ecclesiastical community are suffering today.

He condemns as dangerous, warranting his call to unity, the "ferments of infidelity to the Holy Spirit " existing in the Church and "unfortunately attempting to undermine her from within?

He goes on: "The promoters and victims of this process, who

are in fact small in number by comparison with the vast majority of the faithful, claim to remain in the Church, with the same rights and opportunities of expression and action as the rest of the faithful, in order ties of expression and action as the rest of the faithful, in order to attack ecclesiastical unity... They set themselves up in opposition to the hierarchy, as though every act of that opposition were a constitutive aspect to our neart. The Pope says that this process takes the form of doctrinal dissension which claims the patronage of theological pluralism and is not infrequently taken to the point of dogmatic relativism, which in various

Forthcoming

Mr E. T. Devonald and the Hou C. E. A. Croft

Mr C. F. Cooke-Hurle and Miss J. P. F. Hubbard

The engagement is announced between Emrys Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Glyn Devonald.

of 97 Whitmore Road, Harrow, and Charlotte Elizabeth Ann, only daughter of Lord Croft and the late Lady Croft, of 8 Hereford Square, London, SW7.

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the late Major F. J. Cooke-Hurle and Mrs Cooke-Hurle, of 65 Eccleston Square, London, SW1, and Joanne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Hubbard, of Hilltop House, Beaulieu, Hampshire.

Captain C. L. G. Dixon-Brown, RM, and Miss S. F. E. Steen

The engagement is announce between Lewis Dixon-Brown, o

between Lewis Dixon-Brown, of 18 Egerton Gardens, London, SW3,

18 Egerton Gardens, London, Sws, son of the late Brigadier C. T. Brown, OBE, RM, and the late Mrs Brown, and Sarah (Sally) Fiola, daughter of Professor and Mrs Robert Elsworth Steen, of Mountsandel, Carrickmines, co

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Holder, of Bibbsworth

Hall Farm, Kimpton, Hertford-shire, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Beale, of The Old Barn, Redbourne, Hertford-

The engagement is announced between Mr George I. Missirlis, of Linstead Hall, Prince's Gardens, London, SW7, and Miss Marie A. Epenetou, of 156 Hyndland Road,

and Miss D. R. Metcair
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr
I. J. Northridge and of Mrs J. M. Northridge, of Wendens Ambo, near Saffron Walden, Essex, and Deborah, daughter of Colonel and Mrs J. L. R. Metcalf, of Rour Winds, Tydehams, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr P. F. Griffith

Mr G. I. Missirlis

Mr J. H. Northridge and Miss D. R. Metcalf

and Miss V. A. Beale

marriages

"They question the duty of obedience to the authority obedience to the authority willed by Christ; they put on trial the pastors of the Church, not so much for what they do or how they do it but simply because, so it is claimed, they are the custodians of an ecclesiastical system or structure that competes with what was instituted by Christ.

"In this way they cause

In this way they cause bewilderment to the whole com-munity, introducing into it the fruits of dialectical theories alien to the spirit of Christ. While making use of the words of the Gospel they change their meaning,

The Pope comments: "We observe this state of things with regret, even though, as we have said, it is very small in comparison with the great mass of the Christian faithful. But we cannot but invalid with the same not but inveigh with the same vigour as St Paul against this lack of loyalty and justice. "We appeal to all Christians of good will not to let them-

sures of brethren who are unfor-tunately misguided, and yet who are always in our prayers and close to our heart."

selves be impressed or dis-orientated by the undue pres-

Even when not taken as far as dogmatic relativism, this pluralism "is at times regarded as a legitimate theological stand that permits the taking up of positions contrary to the authentic magisterium of the Roman Pontiff himself and of the hierarchy of history was the contrary. archy of bishops, who are the sole authoritative interpreters of divine revelation contained in sacred tradition and sacred scripture."

He accepts that pluralism of research and thought which in various ways investigate and expound dogma has a legitimate right of citizenship in the Church as a natural component part of her catholicity, and as a sign of the cultural richness and personal commitment of all who belong to her.

The different emphases in the understanding of the same faith do not prejudice the essential content of that faith, since these emphases are unified in common assent to the Church's magisterium. But once perseverance in the doctrine transmitted by the Apostles is compromised, what happens is that "perhaps in a desire to avoid the difficulties of mystery there is a quest for formulas deceptively easy to understand but which dissolve the real content of

mystery".

It is impossible, the Pope remarks, to substitute the spirit of faction, which leads to dis-criminating choices, for the

Mr Jesse Watkins with his 2-ton mobile, to be

installed at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead,

Erasmus prize awarded to

whose work has centred on the visual image in all its aspects; not

visial image in all its aspects; not only the artistic but the psychology of vision and expression and the philosophy of art. He could be called the first great iconologist. His greatest popular contribution was his book, The Story of Art, which achieved huge popular current that he at least nower

success that he at least never expected, selling a million copies and being translated into many languages, since it was published in 1950.

in 1950.

Sir Ernst said at his Hampstead home yesterday: "I have been very lucky in my work that I have been able to communicate with colleagues not only in what is awfully called 'the Arts', but also psychologists and scientists."

The great bridger of previously unbridged chasms between disciplines and idiosyncrastes of mind is now working on a book about pattern, ornament, and decoration, and, no doubt, the philosophy and

and, no doubt, the philosophy and psychology behind them.

The earliest known brick kiln in Britain has been discovered during archaeological excavations on an Augustinian priory in south fumberside, the Department of the Environment said vesterday. It dates from the early fourneenth capture and was used to make

century and was used to make bricks for the monastery buildings

The department's ancient monuments section started work on Thornholme Priory, at Appleby, near Scunthorpe last autumn because the priory outboildings, which are well preserved, were being damaged by ploughing.

Founded about 1150 by Stephen. Thornholme was dissolved in 1536 by Henry VIII, with many other small monasteries producing less than £200 a year.

Beside the brick kiln, this year's digging had revealed probably the country's largest and best preserved medieval malting oven, the ministry said. Bricks from the site kiln were used in its building.

Mr Glyn Coppack, an inspector of ancient monuments and one of

the excavation's references, com-mented: "The information we gather from this site should shed light on the day-to-day life in a

medieval monastery, beyond the religious aspect. We are fortunate in being able to excavate the lesser-

known ontbuildings on a site where they are particularly complete."

Watergate prosecutor

Professor Archibald Cox, for-

mer Watergate special prosecu-

tor, will give the 1975 Chichele

lectures at Oxford on the United

States Supreme Court in gov-

14th-century

brick kiln on

site of priory

Sir Ernst Gombrich

By Philip Howard
Sir Erust Gombrich, the father
of scientific art history and the
astronomer who first discerned
connexious between the visual arts
and the social history and psychology of mankind, has been awarded
the 1975 Erasmus prize.

The prize is awarded for contri-

butions to developing relations be-tween the visual arts and the pub-lic. The other laureate is Dr Wil-lem Sandberg, former director of

the Amsterdam Municipal Museum. Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands will present each scholar with 100,000 florins (about £14,300) in September. One of the several engaging aspects of the Erasmus prize is that winners are expected to devote about half the

expected to devote about hair the money to promoting the visual arts, rather than to champagne or other less substantial matters.

Sir Ernst, Director of the Warburg Institute and Professor of the History of the Classical Tradition, London University, is a polymath

Mr Justice Cumming-Bruce has been elected Treasurer of Middle Temple for 1975 and Sir George Baker as deputy treasurer.

Middle Temple

Birthdays today

Amsterdam

of the truth of the Church that has to be rediscovered as Christ instiguted her.

ways, he feels, "breaks up the sense of the Church which recognizes in all the same dignity and freedom of the children of God, and in this way also to deprive charity of its natural support which, he says, is

The Pupe compares the situa-tion within the Church with mat in which contemporary civil society is living, a society which he sees as divided by the splintering into groups opposed to one anomer. The Church ought not to assimilate what he describe as rather a pathological state. "The Church must preserve her original character as a family unified in the diversity of her

In his conclusion, the Pope quotes St Augustine to express the invitation to unity which he is addressing to the Church and especially to those "who have the responsibility of guiding the brethren". He recalls the words of the saint: "Love church, remain in such a

thurch, be such a church."

His exhortasion might to some, he says, seem severe.

But it has arisen from a detailed study of the situation of the Church on one hand, and of the unrenounceable demands the Gospel on the other. But it has sprung especially from our heart; we have the duty to love the Church with the same spirit of the allegory of the branch that must be pruned in order to bear more fruit." The document bears the date December 8, the Feast of the

Immaculate Conception.

Miniatures

fail to

OBITUART ANATOLE LITVAK Long career as a film director

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the age of 72.

Russian by birth, he worked in most of the major film-producing countries, including France, Germany, Britain and America and his pictures often drew on recent European history. At his best, he was a superbly efficient story-teller, with a flair for melodrama; but his output was uneven and some of his later films, particularly, cried out for less ponderous treatment

He was born in Kiev, the son of a bank manager, studied philosophy at the University of St Petersburg and later worked as an assistant director and set designer. In 1925 he left Russia for Berlin where he was ssistant editor on Pabst's The Jouless Street, one of the early ilms of Greta Garbo. He stayed in Germany until 1932, moved briefly to London and then to Paris where in 1936 he made a film of the nineteenth century Habsburg tragedy, Mayerling with Charles Boyer and Danielle Darrieux in the leading parts. Soon afterwards he went to Hollywood where his early successes included a rare comedy, Tovarich, The Amazing Dr Clitterhouse, Confessions of a Nazi Spy and All This and Heaven, Too. In 1940 he became an American citizen and Air Force during the war, ris-

Anatole Litvak, the film ing to the rank of lieutenant-director, has died in Paris at colonel and working with colonel and working with Frank Capra on the Why We Fight series.
He returned to Hollywood for

a controversial re-make of the pre-war French classic, Le Jour se Lève, which was called The se Leve, which was called The Long Night and then directed perhaps his two most famous films, The Snake Pit and Sorry, Wrong Number. The first, which starred Olivia de Havilland was a study of the treatment of mental illness which had such an impact that it in-fluenced changes in the law; the second was a thriller with Barbara Stanwyck.

Litvak's later career was less distinguished. In 1955 he came to Britain for the film version of Terence Rattigan's play The Deep Blue Sea, and thereafter worked mainly in Europe. There was another version of Mayerling, Anastasia about the supposed survivor of the Russian royal family, The Journey, which was inspired by the 1956 Hungarian uprising and a version of Françoise Sagan's Aimez-Vous Brahms? entitled Goodbye Again. More recent films included The Night of the Generals (1966), a Nazi piece with Peter O'Toole and a thriller, The Lady in the Car With Glasses and a Gun, in He was married twice, his

he served with the American first wife being the Hollywood Air Force during the war, ris-

honorary

DR JOHN RAMSBOTTOM

Dr John Ramsbottom, OBE, brought him who died on Saturday at the age of 89, was Keeper of Botany at the British Museum (Natural History) from 1929 to 1950. He was an authority on the fungi, well known both through his books, especially his Mu-hrooms and Toadstools, published as a New Naturalist in 1953, and through his demonstrations at the Royal Horricultural Society's autumn shows, his popular lectures at the museum and the many fungus forays that he led. He was always eager to encourage amateur naturalists and could inspire their interest and

enthusiasm. Ramsbottom, who was born in Manchester on October 25, 1885, took his degree at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and, after a period of research in Manchester, joined the staff of the museum in 1910. From 1917 to 1919 he served in Salonika, first as a civilian protozoologist, then as captain RAMC, was thrice mentioned in despatches, and was created OBE. His interest in medical mycology continued throughout his career and he collaborated in research with the London School of Tropical Medicine,

bottom's part in initiating this

FRANCOISE DELISLE

Laritte-Cyon) who died on December 5 at the age of 88,

was the friend and companion for many years until his death in 1939 of the thinker and writer Havelock Ellis. In the year after his death she made

After the Second World War

she published an account of her life and her association with Havelock Ellis called Friend-

ship's Odyssey. Later the work

was recast and appeared in 1962

She was the mother of two

sons, Paul, who died several years ago, who was Reader in Psychology in the University of Melbourne, and Professor

Francois Lafitte, Professor of Social Policy and Administra-tion, Birmingham University,

and formerly for many years a member of the editorial staff of

vital character."

Françoise Delisle (Françoise

During his keepership the Department of Botany grew in size and widened its activities. Amongst other things it began collaboration with Portuguese botanists, especially on the Angoia

55,000). A sale of English pottery and porcelain at Christie's yesterday saw a top price of £892.50 (estimate £500) for a pair of Wedgwood black basalt candlestick figures. A pair of jugs painted with loose bouquets and scattered flowers with iron-red Rockingham griffin marks had apparently been undertated by Christie's: estimated at £50, they were sold for £577.50 and 1964 in two separate volumes, Françoise and Friendship's Odyssey. "She was no mere shadow cast by Ellis's bright light", wrote one reviewer, "but a highly original, with character."

The George III Exhibition will be open on Boxing Day, Thursday, December 26, from 11 am to 5 pm. The Queen's Gellery will be closed on Monday, December 23, Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25.

Thereafter the exhibition will be open as usual. Tuesday to Sabre.

open as usual. Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm, Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm, and closed Monday. The gallery will be open on New Year's Day.

doctorate from the University of Coimbra in 1938. He was similarly honoured in 1957 by the University of Uppsala. During the Second World War the Botany Department at South Kensington was severely damaged by fire and he was responsible both for the salvage and move to greater safety of the collections and for the rebuilding of the department after hostilities ceased. After his retirement he continued working, especially on the history of mycology, of which he had a deep and erudite knowledge. Nor did his general enthusiasm for life wane; he made a tour of India when well over 80, in the company of his

daughter, who cared for him devotedly after his wife's death. Ramsbortom took a prominent part in many international congresses and held office in many learned societies includ-ing the Linnean Society; the British Mycological Society; and the British Society for Mycopathology. He was presi-dent in 1936 of Section K of the British Association, and also of Section X in 1947. For nearly 30 years he was president of the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History.

The Linnean Society awarded him its gold medal in 1965, and the Royal Horticultural Society, on whose scientific committee he served for many years, the Veitch Memorial Medal in 1944 Honour in 1950.

Lady de Havilland, widow of Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, OM, CBE, died on Saturday at the age of 74. She was Joan, daughter of E. P. Frith, and daughter of E. P. Frid, and after the death of her first husband, Godfrey Mordaunt, in 1951 she married Sir Geoffrey de Havilland. He died in 1965.

all the arrangements for the publication of his autobiography, My Life. She met Ellis through his first wife who was ber friend and who died in 1916. Mr Clive Grantham Austin, a Deputy Lieutenant and a Justice the Peace for Hampshire,

The Rt Rev John Frewer, CBE, who died at Perth, Australia, on November 7, at the age of 91, was Bishop of North-west Australia, 1929-65.

Dr Gordon Edward Watts, CBE, who has died at the age of 72, was Principal of Brighton Technical College, 1944-62.

Lady Overton, wife of Sir Arnold Overton, died on December 11. She was Brouwen Cecilie, daughter of Sir Hugh Vincent, and she was married

Fritz Szepan, the German footballer, has died at the age of 68. He was capped 34 times gaining his first place in the German national team in 1929. HOWARD Author and publisher

MR MICHAEL

Mr Michael S. Howard, only son of G. Wren Howard, one of the founding partners of the publishing house of Jonathan Cape, died suddenly at his home in Brecon on December 10. He was 51. Although he had spent nine

Although he had spent nine months at the Cambridge University Press in 1941 while waiting to begin training as a pilot with the RAF, he first became fully engaged in publishing when he entered his father's firm after demobilization in 1946. With modesty and with he described in his book, Jonathan Came Publisher, his initiathan Cape Publisher, his initia-tion at the hands of his two knowledgeable but not always very communicative mentors and his appointment to the board in 1950. The book was intended primarily for circula-tion in the book trade in 1971 as a celebration of the company's half-century. Yer, in John Raymond's words, "the

reader emerges rubbing his eyes with astonishment, realizing that this excellent book is also a piece of economic and social history". Having succeeded to the managing directorship in 1960, when his father moved to the

when his rather moved to the chair upon Mr Cape's death at the age of 80, he then established himself as a writer of distinction and style with the kind of book few might expect. to gain any great attention in the press, much less the critical acclaim it actually received. "The most remarkable hook that has ever been written about the business of publishing", began one of the first major reviews to appear, while Michael Holroyd wrote in The Times that he had achieved a portrait of Jonathan Cape "comparable to Arnold Bennett's bookseller in Riceumen Steps'. Michael Howard's own-achievements at Cape lay as much in the enrichment of the renowned Cape style in book design as in the encouragement. of authors. He formed close and lasting friendships with those authors whom he advised and published—notably with T. H. White, Ian Fleming, David Garnett, Elizabeth Jane Howard, John Aiken, and latterly with T.-H. White's biographer Sylvia Townsend Warner. But it was his insistence on style that left anindelible mark on all that heaccomplished, not least on his building of a talented team:
which would restore the houseof Cape in the 1960s to its
former fortunes.
In April, 1965, having spent
what he called in his book "an
emotionally strenuous" five

years, maintaining calm and unity in the firm through a period of radical change, he fell seriously ill with hepatitis. It was while recuperating after several months in hospital that he came to the decision to withdraw gradually from the successful business which his. free to set about a new venture of his own. He wanted to establish a retreat where writers and painters could dis-engage for a while from the domestic round in order to work or find artistic refreshment in conducive and peaceful surroundings. With considera-tion and enormous care, he went ahead with arrangements that would secure the firm for his successors.

His plans were temporarily stayed when he was pressed to take the chair at Cape after his father's death in 1968. By 1970, he had withdrawn altogether from active participation in publishing and begun restoration on the early Victorian house on the Welsh borders which he had chosen for his new endeavour. It was there that he died, leaving a wife and three sons.

Lord Mountevans, who has died at the age of 56, was chairman of the Anglo-Swedish Group and vice-chairman of the Anglo-Norwegian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. He was the elder son of 1st Lord Mounteyans ("Evans of the Broke ").

Mr Joseph Heber Martin, who died on Monday, was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Isle of Ely in

290 BLENHEIM GATE



Prince Andrew arriving in London yesterday, at the start of the Gordonstoun School holidays.

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Lady Mayoress of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress of Westminster, Alderman Group Captain Gordon H.
Pirle and Mrs Lorna H. Park, gave
a luncheon yesterday at the City
Hall in honour of the Lord Mayor
and Lady Mayoress of London.
The Norwegian Ambassador and
the Bishop of London and Mrs
Ellison were among the guests. Callaghan
Secretary of State for Foreign
Commonwealth Affairs and
Callaghan were hosts yesterat a luncheon at Mariborough
see in honour of the Canadian
Commissioner and Mrs
rren. The other guests inied:

Dinners

Lady Rowlandson
Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson
gave a dinner party last night at
18 Grosvenor Square in honour of
the Ambassador for Afghanistan.
Those present included:
The Ambassador for Czechoslovakia and
time Joblonsky, the Ambassador for
Indonesia and Nime Subone, the Distrand Objects of Si Albone, the Marcules
and Marchiness of Si Rictol. Lidy
Agriwon and Ab
Agricol and Si Marshal Sir Edward
and Lady Chillon.

London Transport Executive
To mark his retirement from the
chairmanship of London Transport
Executive. Sir Richard Way was
dined out by present and former dined out by present and former members of the executive at Kettmemoers or the executive at Kelipers Restaurant. W1, last night.
The deputy chairman of London
Transport, Mr Raiph Bennett, was
in the chair.



Headquarters RAF Germany
The Chief of Air Staff and Lady
Humphrey were guests of honour
last night at a ladies' guest night
held in the Headquarters RAF
Germany officers' mess. Group
Captain C. A. Thomas presided.
The Commander-in-Chief, RAF
Germany, and Lady Maynard and
the Deputy Commander and Mrs
Lagesen were also present.

Combined Cadet Force Association Combined Cadet Force Association
The Combined Cadet Force
Association held its annual
officers' dinner yesterday at the
Connaught Rooms. The chief
guest was General Sir Peter Hunt,
Chief of the General Staff, and the
diener chairman was LieutemantColonel E. Jones. Among those
present were: present were:

present were:

Vico-Admiral M. W. E. Hollins, General Sir

Charles Herington, General Sir

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Sotheby's could not drum up any interest in portrait miniatures yesterday. A John Smart miniatures yesterday. A John Smart miniature of Colonel Cockerell, which had been estimated at £1,200-£1,400, was unsold at £360. Another Smart miniature of a nobleman estimated at £1,400-£1,600 failed to sell at £320 and a miniature of a young gentleman was unsold at £420 (estimate £1,000-£1,500).

A Samuel Cooper miniature of Oliver Cromwell was unsold at £260 (estimate £750-£1,000) but Woollett acquired at £45 a miniature of Joseph Sewell by Thomas ture of Joseph Sewell by Thomas Richmond estimated at £150. Among items that found a buyer who to the state of a young woman by John Cox Dillman Engleheart, which was sold for £540 (estimate £400-£600) and a miniature of a woman (of uncertain years) by Benjamin Arlaud at £420 (estimate £300-£500).

Sotheby's also held a sale of Sotheby's also held a sale of nineteenth-century and modern first editions of literary works. A presentation copy of T. S. Eliot's Poems of 1920, inscribed to Ezra Pound, made £580 while a copy of a Winston Churchill speech on "Railway and river development in West Africa" made £480 (estimate £75-£100). There was also an icon sale at Sotheby's.

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In the second sale devoted to the William E. Stockhausen collection of English and American literature at Parke-Bernet in New York on Saturday a collection of 32 letters from Robert Frost to Wade van Dore reached \$10,000 (54,348); (estimate \$6,000 \$12,000). In a sale of ethnographic and Pre-Columbian art Parke-Bernet sold a north-west coast wood mask for \$6,850 (52,953); (estimate \$3,000 \$5,000. A Vera Cruz pottery bed figure made \$3,000 (£1,293); estimate (\$3,000 \$5,000).

at £50, they were sold for £577.50 to Bowden. Christie's also held a sale of oriental ceramics and works of art.

The Queen's Gallery

Science report

Insects: The metabolism of the bumblebee

A biological research group at Oxford has produced an answer to a question that has puzzled sclentists about the difference in behaviour between the bumblebee and the honey bee. It has been a mystery why the bumble is able to fly and pollinate fruit much earlier to the wear than the honey bee or brates. The two key chemical processes in some insects produce more power for unit weight of tissue than a small aircraft engine, according to the chemical processes involved in the report. The metabolism, the chemical processes involved in the report. The metabolism, the chemical produce more power for unit weight of tissue than a small aircraft engine, according to the chemical processes involved in the second of the control of the contro in the year than the honey bee or a host of similar winged insects which play an important part in pollination.

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An explanation comes in a report from the Agricultural Research Council of work at its unit of muscle mechanisms and insect physiology in the Department of Zoology at Oxford University. Un-derstanding gained from this fun-damental study is being used by other groups to devise more ad-vanced and ecologically safer ways of insect pest control in temperate of insect pest control in temperate and tropical climates.

The suggestion about the difference between the bees comes in an investigation into how they control the burn-up of glucose and other substances in the proconverting chemical into mechanical work. III

Latest wills

Miss Edith Annis Hardy, or Tun-bridge Wells, left £39,831 net (duty paid £3,746). She left £10,000 to the Archbishop of Can-terbury as an accretion to the £10,000 trust fund left by Lord Davidson, the former Primate. Other estates Include (net before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

boney variety.

Belgrave, Mr Richard John Dacres, of Fayence, France, formerly

of North Kilworth, Leicestershire (duty paid, £7,351) ... £180,318 Clutterbuck, Miss Joan Fan, of Sarratt, Hertfordshire (duty paid, £31,334) ... £147,675 Coleman, Joyce Jenny, of St Marylebone (duty paid, £30,839) £104,714 Housden, Mr Ernest Frederick, of Ewell, Surrey, former bousemaster Ewell, Surrey, former housemaster at Harrow School (no duty shown) Richardson-Gardner, Mrs Effie Leuchars, of Chelsea (duty paid, £91,866) . . £155,610

By Our Science Correspondent

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tributes and it has been a great SOUTHWICH Flight muscles in some insects produce more power for unit weight of tissue than a small aircraft engine, according to the report. The metabolism, the chemical processes involved in the release of energy, has been understood in detail only for vertebrates. The two key chemical processes in the muscles of any creature that make the high energy compounds are glycolysis and oxidative phosphorylation. These processes have been found to differ between insects. The bumblebee uses the pro-cesses in a fascinating way to feed its wing muscles, or it can reverse the chemical reactions in a way in which the other insects cannot. The reversal takes place when the flight muscles are mechanically inactive, and the energy compounds are used to generate heat. This is why the scientists believe the bumblebee can start work earlier in the year than the honey variety. 57 40 100 At the ceremony, or from afar, express your sentiments with the gentle voice of flowers from your Interflora florist:



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THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**





Main Co-op board maware of CIS lecision to control **Oldham Estate**

Instrial Editor
The full board of directors of
Co-operative Wholesale ciety, which owns the f720m operative Insurance Society, s not consulted nor asked to prove its subsidiary's surprisdecision to take control of · Harry Hyams's property oire, Oldham Estate, owner London's Centre Point office

h Mr Hyams, who is to stay as chairman and managing ector without Co-op nominees the Oldham board.

Retail Co-operative societies, o are the CWS shareholders, i Labour MPs yesterday grily demanded a fuller exmation of the whole affair danswers to their many quesns. It became clear that the vernment shares their embarsment after its election ages to offer state funds to co-op to help with its capital

in Whitehall, the Office of ir Trading, which advises the vernment on takeover polis, said it was to seek informan about the deal, a necessary econdition before deciding ether a reference to the mopolies Commission should

sought.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth,
bour/Co-op MP for Thornaby,
d: "I have asked for an
arance from the CIS that it I not allow Oldham Estates pursue the socially irrespon-le policies which they have lowed over the past few

inquiries made by The Times we that the management of insurance society, which is having talks with the City sel on Takeovers and Mer-'s about aspects of its sur-se deal, decided to withhold l details of their secret share

WS directors were simply d at their regular board meet-: last Wednesday that an un-

Shareholders in Cannon

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ey held in the original group.

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imminent from their insurance subsidiary which might attract

some comment This move is bound to cause recriminations at the next board meeting, especially as a small coterie of CWS directors, including the chairman, knew what was happening, since these serve dually on the insur-

London's Centre Point office
ck.

This revelation is bound to
d a new dimension to the row
the borke out yesterday within
Co-operative movement over
insurance concern's dealings
Mr. H. A. Toogood, who is also
chairman of the insurance
society. Some years back his
predecessor, Mr. Albert Lovick,
was removed from the insuracceptance of the insurance concern's dealings
the Mr. Hyams who is to come. ance board after an extra-ordinary CWS directors' meeting, convened in a seaside hotel during the annual Co-op con-gress, to discuss moves by the gress, to discuss moves by the huge insurance concern to separate itself from the Co-op movement (in the wake of the

Co-op Permanent Building Society, now the Nationwide). Since that row, the CIS management has come to an uneasy peace with the CWS, ceding boardroom control to the Wholesale board but receiving assurances that there would be no interference with policy

In the intervening period, however, the CWS has largely been kept in the dark about a long standing association be-tween the CIS and Mr Hyams, involving the provision of cheap mortgage moneys for property deals, including Centre Point,

and share transactions. A number of retail society officials and directors round the country said they were dis-turbed by aspects of the deal. Our planning reporter writes: Frank Dobson, leader of Camden council, yesterday urged the Co-operative Insurance Society to withdraw the appeal against the council's compulsory purchase order on

36 maisonettes in Centre Point. Camden wants the maisonettes for housing people on its waiting list and has said it is prepared to negotiate a fair purchase price with the owners. Business Diary, page 21

Under the deal, the company

gets rid of a liability of up to

The directors, headed by Mr Bill Hislop, who has taken over

as chairman from Mr Herbert

write-downs against

to the banking subsidiary.

All-industry output index shows third monthly fall

By Melvyn Westlake
Output in many of Britain's key industries is now unmismishably shown to be either stagnant or falling. The accumulating evidence of depressed economic activity is reinforced by figures for industrial production, published yesterday by the Central Stanistical Office.

The official all-industries output index showed the third

put index showed the third consecutive monthly fall in October, to stand at 107.9, com-pared with 108.1 in September. Production in the three months August to October was some 2.2 per cent lower than in the same period of 1973, just before the energy crisis of lest winter.

The narrower index-monitoring the performance of only the manufacturing industries fell more sharply than the all-industries index in October declining to 108.5 from 109.4 in September. Output of the manufacturing sector in the months August to October was almost 1.9 per cent down on the same 1973 period.

Moreover, both indices have been revised sharply downwards for the first 10 months of this year. These figures of industrial production, which accounts for some 45 per cent of Britain's total output of goods and services, can only increase fears that the country is sliding into an economic recession.

It has become particularly difficult to assess the trend of output in recent months, both hecause of strikes in the car and steel industries, and because in some sectors the available information relates to deliveries rather than actual

Office comments that even after allowance is made for these factors the "latest figures suggest little or no growth in recent months"

One problem for the statisti-cians is that during the three- ate goods industries.

But the Central Statistical

US-French INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT The following are the index numbers of industrial production in October, seasonally adjusted, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday (1970=100). gold deal could affect

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day week many companies were making deliveries out of their

stock of finished products and

this led to some overstatement of actual output, perhaps by about 1 per cent in the first quarter of the year. However, stocks are now be-ing rebuilt and the consequent

understatement of output in the third quarter is also thought to have been about 1 per cent.

Such a sharp across-the-board fall in output is almost

bound to result in a further up-

ward twist in the level of unemployment (figures for the number of jobless are expected to be published on Thursday).

Unemployment tends to lag some months behind output but the decline in industrial produc-

tion could presage a marked jump in the early months of the

Consumer spending has shown

signs of weakening recently and has been kept at present levels only by Mr Denis Healey's

measures in the July mini-Bud-

get. Yesterday's output figures

indicate that consumer goods

are as much affected as the

new year.

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IMF work

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Dec 16
A senior United States
Treasury official said in Wash-

But a detailed explanation of But a detailed explanation or just what President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing had decided on gold could be given only when Mr William Simon, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr Jack Bennett, his deputy for monetary affairs, had returned from Martinique.

The official indicated that progress has been made on

different manner.

However, senior Treasury officials have said in recent days that the United States Admin-

The IMF is now working on amendments to its articles con-

Informed sources said that it was most unlikely that the Administration would revalue official gold reserves in line with market rates. The French, however, may well do this shortly, but other monetary sources suggested that the French action will be made in

In fact President Giscard d'Estaing told reporters after the summit that France envisaged revaluing its gold stocks soon.

No final decision was taken a the weekend Martinique meet-ing on whether countries should now be able to buy gold in the markets, as well as sell it. Such a decision, however, monetary sources said is likely at the mid-January ministerial meeting.

The agreement will lead to
the ending under IMF rules of
an official gold price. It seems certain as a result that the IMP will now be able to sell gold

sales, but this has been firmly opposed by the French. The agreement, however, does possibly pave the way for countries actually to withdraw some of the gold they have as part of their quota with the IMF, and may well make it much easier now for countries much easier now for countries -because of a higher gold

of quotas.

The Martinique agreement is. in fact, a logical development from the informal Group of Ten agreement last summer when it was decided that countries could use gold as collateral at marketrelated prices among them selves in arranging loans. The agreement should not have an impact on the free gold

ington that the agreement between the French and United States Presidents, that it would be appropriate for any government which wished to do so to adopt current market prices as the bacic of majoration for its the basis of valuation for its gold holdings, could have wide-ranging implications for the International Monetary Fund's current work on monetary

progress has been made on ensuring that the agreement on the official gold price will not lead to a revival of gold's role in the monetary system. He would not elaborate on this point and it is quite probable that the French will view the new arrangements in a quite

istration would not agree to any change in the official gold price unless such a change were accompanied by arrangements for a "transitional period", during which countries would refrain from large-scale market purchases of gold and from a greater use of their gold reserves in raising loans. eserves in raising loans.

cerning the price and role of gold in the monetary system. The gold discussions will have direct effect on other IMI discussions concerning aid for leveloping countries

concert with similar moves by other European Community countries.

Top level Community discussions on gold are now expected to take place before the meeting of finance ministers in Washing-ton on January 15 in the forum of the IMF's newly created interim committee. This com-mittee of 20 ministers will now have gold and petrodollar recycling as its two chief themes for discussion.

and use the profits—the income minus \$42.22 per ounce—for de-velopment aid purposes. The Americans and the IMF's managing director have wanted such

valuation—to finance any in-creases agreed in the total level

markets,

30,000 laid off at VW plants this week will be trebled next month

By David Blake Car plants in Europe, America and Australia yester-day announced short-time work layoffs as the industry's world slump grew deeper.

In the most striking develop-ment Volkswagen laid off 30,000 of its total work force of 110,000 until the end of this week and announced layoffs in the new year which mean production will not get back to normal until mid-January.

During the early weeks of that month the company is to lay off 86,000 workers, the biggest single cutback since the present sales downturn began.

Volkswagen has been affected by the general downturn in the

by the general downturn in the markets where it is strong, especially the United States, and by its aging model structure relying heavily on the "beetle".

In the first 11 months of this year the company's American sales totalled 317,000, down by nearly 30 per cent from the

corresponding 1973 period.
Volkswagen's 1.5 million sales
a year are divided almost
equally among the United States, Germany and the rest of Europe

In America the picture is even bleaker. Early December sales there were down by 29
per cent from a year earlier,
and the gloom is so pervasive
that most motor industry
sources claimed that this was better than expected. The company in best shape seems to be Ford, with sales

only 18 per cent down com-pared with 29 per cent for General Motors and 38 per cent for Chrysler.
All of these results are better

Motors, however, which as a manufacturer of small cars had been tipped to do well.

Its sales are down by 50 per cent, In plant shutdowns 13,000 are likely to be laid off. are likely to be laid off. Holden cutback conde

Short-time for 3,000 likely at Lucas

Short-time working for some 3,000 Lucas group employees in its Birmingham factories will be announced immediately after the Christmas holidays, according to well-informed union sources last night.

Mr Bernard Scott, chair-man of Lucas, said: "I am not prepared to give denails at present but I would emphasize that the short-time working now under consideration is a very small proportion of our 70,000-strong payroll.

" It is almost entirely confined to factories manufacturing lighting equipment for the motor industry. Our other plants are still trying to keep up with

It is understood that the lighting factories will be working a four-day week in the new

Ten days ago Wilmot Breeden, the Birmingham-based component group which supplies most of the motor industry's bumpers, window-winders and door handles, announced that 500 workers were to be made

This follows two months' short-time working in Wilmot Breeden factories.

Jensen Motors, West Brom-wich, is expected to announce redundancies among its 1,200strong labour force

At Lucas's annual meeting in Birmingham yesterday Mr Scott described the continued suc-cess of imported cars as "most unfortunate". They took 35.6 per cent of United Kingdom car sales last month. R. W. Shakespeare writes:

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About 1,000 assembly workers
at the Chrysler car plant at Linwood, Renfrewshire, are to be
laid off for four days before
Christmas, a company spokesman said yesterday. In addition, they will take four days
of part summer's holidays exof next summer's holidays, ex-tending their Christmas and New Year break until Monday, January 6.

"All this is due to the de-pressed state of the British car market", the spokesman said. Strikers at the Triumph car assembly plant in Coventry, will be recommended by shop stewards at a mass meeting to-

day to return to work.
The men on strike are assembly track workers who have been demanding payment for time they lost when they were laid off for two weeks

Ford prices up by 8.8pc

The prices of Ford cars, trucks than the 8.8 per cent average and tractors are going up by an average of 8.8 per cent from midnight tonight. This is the fourth price increase in a year and follows a similar move by British Leyland four days ago. Vauxhall are expected to increase their prices before the end of the month and Chrysler

Reliant has been making about 50 Scimitars a week. A

spokesman said that waiting

lists had almost disappeared A decision from Aston Martin

on the Government's offer of a £600,000 loan over the next

10 years is not expected before the end of the week. The com-pany's board of directors met yesterday to discuss the offer which will involve the Govern-ment taking a quarter stake.

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would suggest. Escort price in-creases are being kept down to 5.7 per cent while all other models average 9.8 per cent. It is widely reported in the car trade that a new model will be launched early next year and this will almost certainly be a replacement for the Escort. New price examples: Escort

to complete the round early in the new year.

The Ford increase is in practice much closer to 10 per cent (old price £1,227); Cortina 1300, two door £1,519 (£1,383); Granada GXL £3,343 (£3,045).

EEC draft outlines bankruptcy law changes

Far-reaching implications of the draft EEC Convention on bankruptcy and insolvency are highlighted in a consultative document prepared by a Gov-ernment-sponsored committee,

published today.

If the existing EEC proposals are adopted, the rights of workers in a winding-up could be radically affected. Company directors could lose the advantage of limited liability in certain circumstances.

Foreign courts would also be empowered to declare individto administer the bankrupt and to administer the bankruptcy under their own law.

These are among the more

controversial aspects of the Convention's preliminary draft on which the Department of Trade advisory committee is calling for comment and criticism.

The committee's consultative paper has been sent to more than 70 interested organizations. The paper refers to a series of "novel principles" in the Convention, with implications that extend beyond bankruptcy law. These include the rule that a bankruptcy order made in one EEC country will exclude orders being made in another. The liquidator's power under the order would extend to other EEC countries and most dis-puted questions would be dealt

with under the law of the liqui-dator's country.

Last night Mr Kenneth Cork, the City accountant who chairs the committee, emphasized that the report was intended to be a neutral discussion of the a neutral discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the EEC proposals designed to spark a process of consultation.

"I think the Bankruptcy Convention, on the whole, is a great improvement", he said. "But we must iron out the differences."

In the past, liquidators have rarely been able to collect assets across national borders. The ability to have one liquidator collecting all the assets in various conorties in the course of a liquidation is, Mr Cork suggested. "worth a lot of acrifices".

There were other marked

advantages in the proposals. But be believed that the provine believed that the provisions for preferential creditors,
notably workers, in a winding-up
needed some revision and that
a number of technical points
required further consideration.
The report concludes that the
EEC scheme, "if practicable,
must be highly desirable". But
it adds that the advantages are it adds that the advantages are acquired at a price which could mean "bardship and even in-justice" for certain individuals.

Rough diamonds will cost more

De Beers Central Selling Organisation is increasing the price of rough gem diamonds by an overall 1.55 per cent on Janu-ary 13. Emphasis will be on the smaller stones, generally below two carats, where diamonds with certain qualities will have their prices raised by up to 10 per

De Beers shares closed 3p easier at 155p before the announcement

Reliant to cut The British Bank The Midlands-based Reliant motor company is to cut pro-duction of its top-selling Scimitar GTE sports car. The company began talks with union officials yesterday on methods for achieving the reduction, including work-sharing and voluntary redundancies. of the Middle East

Increase in capital.

The British Bank of the Middle East announces that its authorised capital has been increased to £15 million by the creation of 10 million new shares of £1 each. All 10 million new shares have been allotted for cash, at par, to the parent company, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

These arrangements have been made to improve the capital base, in view of the greatly increased volume of the Bank's operations.

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Despard, warned shareholders that if they reject the scheme the company will have to be wound up and they will get Under a proposed reorgani-tion scheme, they will get se share of 10p in a reconnothing.

Jannon Street write-down

reserves amount to £18.7m, including a £6.9m loss on the sale of the United Kingdom banking business and a £7.9m : held by National Westmin-er Bank which has taken over reduction in the value of ne secondary banking opera-on for a nominal considerainvestments. Financial Editor, page 21

SOCIETE TUNISIENNE DE L'ELECTRICITE ET DU GAZ (S.T.E.G.)

NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

CAPACITY INCREASE OF NATURAL GAS COMPRESSOR AND PROCESSING STATIONS (TENDER EBM 7)

The Société Tunisienne de l'Electricité et du Gaz (S.T.E.G.) is about to launch an international call to tender for the supply, construction, testing and starting up of the equipment: natural gas field compression and processing. pipelines and ancillary works, required to increase the capacity of the existing installations.

To realize this project application for a loan has been made to an international Finance Organization.

The contractors desiring to tender shall deposit either fifty (50) Tunisian dinars or its equivalent in foreign currency and can obtain the tender documents either directly or through the mail from the S.T.E.G. Head Office (Division Equipment, 38 rue Kémal Ataturk, Tunis, Tunisia) Tunisia). This is to be done starting from the 16th December 1974

The date for unsealing the bids is set for the 10th February 1975 at 4 p.m. at the Company's Head Office, 38 rue Kémal Ataturk, Tunis, Tunisia.

MAJEDIE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

At the sixty third Annual General Meeting of Majedie Investments Limited held in London yesterday, the Chairman, Mr. T. B. Barlow referred to his review in the Report and Accounts and said that little had happened during the last month to relieve the depressed state of the Stock Markets. He added:—Mr. Healey's tax concessions to industry in the November Budget had done little to stimulate new investment in industry and provided no relief to Companies whose main source of income arose abroad, as with our plantation investments.

As to our own Company the Roard have decided

As to our own Company, the Board have decided to capitalise part of the reserves and recommend a bonus share issue to members in the proportion of three new Sp shares for each 5p share held, which will have the effect of increasing the issued capital to over £1,000,000. It will be proceed to increase the authorised capital for the will be necessary to increase the authorised capital for the purpose of the issue and an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in the new year to obtain members'

approval for the increase. The Board will recommend that every two 5p shares be consolidated into one 10p share. A letter will be sent to members explaining the issue and consolidation in due course together with the notice of the Extraordinary Consolidation.

The Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted.

TI cash bid Tenneco for Midland boosts stake Aluminium in Albright

By Adrienne Gleeson Tube Investments yesterday announced a £5.4m cash old for

Aluminium, Wolverhampton-based manufac-turer of "Tower" housewares and "Glow-Worm" gas heating appliances.

This values Midland Aluminimum's share at 38p, against ment. Midland has long-standing links with TI, from which it buys the aluminium.

The bid has been precipitated by the development of prob-lems for Midland in Europe, following its acquisition in March of Interdomo KG, the West German manufacturer and distributor of steel central heating boilers and ancillary equipment. Because of this Midland's half year results, due to be announced in a couple of weeks time, are going to be

Midlaud's board has oounced that no interim dividend will be paid in respect of the current year, and is recommending acceptance of Tube's

The acquisition will comple-The acquisition will complement Tube's existing interests in gas heating. Tube Investments already has a 2 per cent stake in Midland, while its paritally owned subsidiary British Aluminium has a further 10.7 per cent stake.

Sterling improves on fresh demand

Sterling yesterday continued the sharp recovery on the foreign exchanges that began on Friday. Dealers reported a "quite good" demand for the pound, and it strengthened in most of the big financial centres. By the end of trading, it showed a rise against the dollar of over

11 cents, at \$2.3295. The pound's "effective depre-ciation" rate against 10 key currencies (compared three years ago) improved from 21.6 per cent on Friday, to 21.1 per cent.

The statement by the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates that they would continue to invest in sterling con-tributed to the currency's

Army & Navy site funding

International Assets, an associate company of Sir Hugh Fraser's Scottish Uni-versal Investments group and Amalgamated Investment & Property yesterday announced a £441m funding for the joint redevelopment of the Army & Navy Stores site in Victoria Street, London.

The financing arrangements, which take the form of sale-

and-leaseback are believed to

involve only one major institu-The development, scheduled for completion in 1977, provides a department store of 137,000 square feet pre-let to Army & Navy, whose trading interests are now part of the House of Fraser, and 135,000 square feet

By Anthony Rowley Tenneco International, Tenneco International, the American energy production and transmission group, is raising its equity stake in Albright & Wilson, one of the leading United Kingdom chemical producers, from 10 per cent to just under 50 per cent, it disclosed wasterday

it disclosed yesterday. This will be achieved Tenneco Converting into ordinary shares of A & W most of the £17.5m of convertible loan stock which the American group subscribed to Albright in

About a year before that. Tenneco had bought about 10 per cent of the A & W equity in the stock market at a time when the Oldbury (Worcester-shire) chemical concern was suffering serious serbacks with its investment in phosphorus production in Newfoundland.

This was the main cause for the four year slump in Albright's profits, which recovered in 1973 Tenneco (which recently business of the David Brown Corporation) wanted to take over Albright & Wilson around 1971. However, the United States group eventually settled for a subscription of convertible for a subscription of convertible loan stock that would ultimately give it control of A & W

anyway. Tenneco has until 1986 to convert the remainder of the loan, when its holding in Albright would rise to just over 50 per cent of the enlarged

Under the present converonder the present conver-sion, Tenneco's stake in Albright's enlarged capital will be 49.8 per cent. Albright's chairman, Mr S. T. Ellis, is a Tenneco appointee, as are two external directors on the Albright board.

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How the markets moved

Rises Hawker Sidd Imp Chem Ind Midland Bk Midland Alum 4p to 132p 3p to 121p 6p to 126p 16p to 34p 4p to 33p 2p to 20p 3p to 14p Anglo-Thai Corp 6p to 97p
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Reecham Grp 4p to 116p
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Equities moved forward but trading remained thin.
Gilt-edged securities rose strongly.
Sterling jumped 160 points to \$2.3295. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.1 per cent.
Gold gained \$3.25 to \$183.00.
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Commodities: Copper lost more ground with cash wire bars £14 lower. Sugar futures slumped with most positions closing limit down. Cocco advanced between £10 and £15.50. Tin fell £10 while LME silver gained 5p. Reuters index fell 1.4 to a new 1974 low of 1.190.4. Reports, Pages 22 and 23

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Raies for bank noise only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank inter-national Ltd. Different raies apoly to travellars cheques and other foreign curroncy business

French drug groups sued by Wellcome

One of Britain's leading drug French companies were putting groups is suing two French companies for alleged patent

infringements. The Wellcome Foundation confirmed yesterday that it had started legal proceedings against Laboratoires Reading and Centre de Recherche Biologique Viabac.

Wellcome alleges infringement of the group's French patent on trimethoprim, a drug widely used medically and veterinarily for anti-bacterial

Wellcome took out a process 1958. This runs until 1978. The remuneration.

the drug to veterinary use. Trimethoprim was at the

four-year extension of its British

The company had applied for an extension to its 16-year patent on the benzyl pyrimidines, the principal one of which is trimethoprim.

patent on the drug in France in life on the ground of inadequate

£22m Oman | Joint float contract for Hawkers inconclusive

Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering is to build 19 diesel power stations in Oman under contract worth more than £22m. According to the com-pany, this is the biggest contract ever received by a British company for equipment of this type. Seven Hawker Siddeley companies will be involved in the contract—supplying and erect-ing the stations and distribution today. networks. The order has been

stry of Communications and Public Services. Equipment will be delivered between next March and the end of 1976, and the contract should be completed in the spring of 1978.

placed by the Sultanate's Mini-

Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering's design centre at Burton on the Wolds, Leicestershire, will coordinate the proiect and provide the construction and installation teams.

A central reference body is planned by the National Com-

puting Centre which will be concerned with procedures and

standards for all aspects of

computer security.

This body will promote the principles of risk management

in computer-based systems, and

will aim to produce two manuals

of practice in computer secur-

ity. One manual will be for pro-fessional computing staff, and

the other for general manage-

mendations made by a National

Study Group on the security of computer-based systems, whose

report, Where next for com-

puter security? has just been published by the NCC at £4.60. The book, which is aimed

primarily at computer profes-

sionals and users, evaluates the

main security techniques in cur-

These moves follow recom-

for breach of patents

centre of separate but significant legal proceedings in Britain earlier this year when Wellcome

The High Court granted the extension under section 23 of the Patents Act, 1949, which allows for an extension of patent

discussions

Frankfurt, Dec 16 .- Finance ministers and Central Bank governors of the European joint float member states-Germany. Benelux, Denmark, Norway and Sweden-took no decision and issued no communiqué after their weekend meeting here, a federal bank spokesman said

Earlier he had referred to remarks made by Dr Hans Apel, the finance minister, in a German television interview that the aim of these meetings was to allow float members to come together from time to time to discuss monetary problems.

In particular they are intended to ensure that the eco-nomic policies of members are in harmony, Dr Apel said. If inflation among the member states diverges too much this would have consequences for the grouping.—Reuter.

Computer news

rent use and offers advice on

bureau market with an account-

at the group's main data centre

improving existing systems.

New bureau service

Central security body is planned by NCC

Oil emirates will open talks on full takeover

By Edward Townsend

The United Arab emirates (UAE) are to begin talks in the new year with western oil companies on the complete takeover of oil concessions.

Mr Mana Al Otaiba, the Abu inevitable. Dhabi oil minister, said in London yesterday that the present concessionaires would not be granted special discounts off the basic market price; they would be offered a management fee strictly related to the value

of_services they provided. The move was expected after the Saudi Arabian decision to bring the Aramco consortium under 100 per cent government control.

The state takeover effectively brought to an end an inter-national oil company dominance over production which has perfor almost 50 years in the Middle East.

Operating companies within the UAE are British Petroleum, CIE Française des pétroles Royal Dutch Shell, Mobil Exxon, the Japanese Petroleum Exxon, the Japanese Petroleum Corporation and other Japanese interests. They hold a 40 percent share, with government interests totalling 60 per cent.

Mr Otaiba, in London this week for preliminary talks with the oil companies, on full government participation, said that an agreement on state con-

that an agreement on state control would also have to include provisions for the companies future exploration and develop

160 redundancies at

Singer of Clydebank A world-wide fall in demand for industrial sewing machines has resulted in 160 workers at the Singer sewing machine plant at Clydebank being made redundant.

Union representatives have been expecting a redundancy programme for some time. The company employs 5,400 at Clyde-

Shipbuilders ready to cooperate despite nationalization doubts | car industry productivity

Britain's shipbuilders said yesterday they opposed state in-volvement in the industry but they were prepared to make nationalization work if it became

The Shipbuilders and Repairers National Association has, however, told the Government that there is no way in which it can support nationalization of the ship-repairing industry.

The association is now having discussions with the Department of Industry on nationalization of the shipbuilding side but its report, published yesterday says the Government has not put forward any sort of case for state ownership.

perity and efficiency within the industry although it would be prepared to make it work.

an entirely different matter. It was small, but highly important as an employer in the areas where shiprepairers operated. Shipowners, both British and

foreign, had expressed concern over the proposed nationaliza-tion of the shiprepairing industry. They feared that by the very nature of nationalization the close contact between repairer and shipowner would be destroyed.

Peter Hill writes : Britain's shipbuilding output this year is not expected to rise much above one million tons gross despite hopes that output would move up from the plateau where it has rested for so long.
Some 879,000 tons gross were

On shipbuilding the association says it does not consider third quarter and around third quarter unlikely that much more than 200,000 tons will be completed.

Minister condemns G M Holden cutback

From Herbert Mishael

Melbourne, Dec 16

A sharp attack on General
Motors Holden, the Australianbased car manufacturing company, was made today by Mr K. E. Enderby, federal minister for manufacturing industry, after an announcement by the company that it proposed to dismiss 5,000 workers early next month.

The company said it had been carrying too many workers for some time in the face of declining sales and continuing imports of foreign-made cars which showed no signs of reduction.

Mr Enderby called this decision "a cruel, insensitive arrogant one, undoubtedly

headquarters in the United

"It is particularly harsh in view of the company's failure to make appropriate provision for redundancy compensation in those losing their jobs. This con-trasts vividly with the generous sympathetic attitude shown by the British Leyland Motor Cor-poration when it retrenched about 2,000 people from its Zet-

land plant, near Sydney, I am very angry about this development. We have taken the very steps suggested by GMH to reduce imports of Japanese cars and they publicly praised us for doing so. Now they have dealt us this sudden blow."

Penguins to cut staff and book titles

Penguin Books has announced a 20 per cent cutback in its new book programme for 1975 as well as 33 redundancies, despite worldwide sales this year ex-ceeding 40 million for the first

Trade unions involved at Penguin's headquarters in West London have objected to the re-dundancies and will have a meeting with the management in the coming week.

A spokesman for the company said the redundancies and the cutback in new titles were designed to strengthen its position in 1975. Emphasis will be on the reprint side, but 450 new titles were envisaged over three

Co-op Bank and TSBs

From the beginning of next year the Co-operative Bank and the Trustee Savings Banks are to become part of the Eurocheque system. Both will pro-gressively phase out their exist-ing cheque cards, replacing them with the uniform card.

This has a dark blue colour strip and an EC symbol which was introduced at the beginning of this year. The two banks have already been admitted to the Bankers' Clearing House.

Oatar loan to France

The Qatar government has agreed to lend France \$150m (about £68m), usually reliable sources in Doha reported yesterday. They were speaking soon after M Norbert Seguard, the French minister of state for foreign trade, left on the next leg of a Middle East trip including three Gulf States.

£100m for Dutch gas

Several companies which have found natural gas in the Dutch part of the North Sea plan to spend 600m guilders (about £100m) on production platforms and a transport and delivery system to bring ashore the first gas by 1976-77 at Callantsov.

Marconi's PO award

Marconi Communication microwave radio communication equipment for the Post Office's North Sea telecommunications services under a £1.5m contract announced yesterday.

Scottish bases plea

Scotland's Council for Development and Industry will press the Government and private industry to set up more of their headquarters in Scotland, Lord Clydesmuir, chairman of the council, told its annual meeting in Dundee yesterday.

Rollei layoffs

Photographic group Rollei-Werke und Heidecke plans to make redundant 1,400 of its 2,400 staff in Germany and half the 6,000 employees in Singapore, depending on sales during the next two years. If sales improve by more than 10 per cent some staff may be re-

Clyde jobs boost

A new Clydebank company has won orders worth £5m for the offshore oil industry and about 600 new jobs will be created, mostly for welders, boilermakers and fitters. The company — JBE Offshore — is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brown Engineering

(Clydebank).

The orders are for Shell UK and Phillips Petroleum, Norway.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to this fact the sooner we shall

be on the road to real pros-

Harsh realities of decline in Safeguards of

perity.

Yours sincerely,

Sheffield Polytechnic,

Centre for Innovation and

E. G. WOOD, Director,

Productivity,

December 12.

investment

6 Fair Mile,

Sheffield.

Halfords House

16 Fitzalan Square,

From Mr E. M. Hall

Sir, A few years ago I bought British Leyland shares. They

paid meagre dividends and steadily decreased in value.

Eventually I sold them at a considerable loss. They had proved to be a poor investment and I

would not choose to invest in

the company again. Yet, it

seems, I am now to be forced,

as a taxpayer, to make such an

also an encouragement to both management and shop floor

workers to be cynically and selfishly indifferent to con-

sensity indirection of siderations of efficiency and profitability. The end of that road is ruin for us all.
Yours faithfully,
E. M. HALL.

This is not only unjust, it is

Sir, You kindly published my letter in February, 1973, pointing out that the census of production data revealed the decline in productivity in the car industry as far back as 1968. Perhaps those critics who howled me down as an unpatriotic prophet of disaster will now heed the harsh reali-

ties revealed by the figures. In 1963, after paying out each El of wage/salary the vehicle industry had 81p left over to cover overhead expenses and profit. By 1968 this figure had fallen to 75p; in 1970 to 49p; and in 1971 to 36p. Thus, the industry has been paying our so much in wages and salaries that it could not afford to finance its own investment pro-

Instead of expecting other people to pay for their invest-ment while they continue to enjoy wages and salaries roughly 25 per cent above the national average, these people should put their own house in order either by increasing their output and sales to generate sufficient added value to cover their high wages, or by cutting their payroll until the added value per £1 of wage/salary comes more in line with the national average of 1.92.

The plain truth is that you share out what doesn't Henley-on-Thames,
The sooner that the Oxfordshire. cannot share out what doesn't

Problems of employing staff year's salary, even if the appli-

From Mr Arnold Lever Sir, Mr Donald Cropper's cant leaves after a few weeks.

We welcome the efforts being made to modernize the ber 15) does not go far enough. As a small business we are not interested in temporary staff who are recognized to be the natural diet of his private agencies.

Our interest is in permanent staff, but we are disgusted by the excessive charges for the minimal "service" of introducing seemingly un-vetted (and frequently unsatisfactory) applicants for clerical and commercial vacancies. The charges demanded are based on a

image of the state employment service, nevertheless we are putting forward a request to our British Fabric Federation to organize a non-profit-making agency to cover the textile trade. We wonder whether other sections of industry should not follow suit? Yours faithfully, ARNOLD LEVER,

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final pay pension

schemes From Mr. J. K. Lovell Sir, Surely Mr P. J. S. Broot is wrong in his view about it injustices of "final pay" pe sion schemes (December 3)? is now common practice incorporate the following allo able definition of pensionab emoluments in such pension

arrangements: Pensionable salary mean the higher of: (a) A member's highest sala for any one of the five yea before normal retirement as retirement or leaving the servi whichever is the earliest, or (b) The highest yearly avera; of the member's salary for a three or more consecutive yea ending not earlier than 10 year before normal retirement a retirement or leaving the servi whichever is the earliest but so that for the purposes this definition the salary for a year except the last before to date of calculation shall increased in proportion to an increase in the Index of Reta Prices from the last day of th

year up to the date of calcul tion."
With indexing these pr safeguard against the type situation he describes employees whose earning pow may lessen as they grow olde Yours faithfully,

J. K. LOVELL, Finance Secretary and Accountant, University College London, Gower Street, WC1.

Floored boards

From Mr Matthew J. Thompse Sir, I was disturbed to rea your Diary note today on the London Stock Exchange: "The strength of the floor has bee reduced 25 per cent in the pa nine months." Could this I why the bottom has fallen or of the market?

I beg to remain your mo obedient servant. MATTHEW J. THOMPSON, St Andrews Cottage, Much Hadham, Herts.

Gifts tax and party political donations

to be appointed by Parliament to namely, that donations for pol From Mr Philip Watkins consider the long-term financing Sir, The provisions of the of political parties, the type of giving to be encouraged is that Finance Bill published Decemper 10 will ensure that donawhich is voluntarily made by individuals, rather than en-forced, often against the wishes tions by an individual to a political party will, if they exceed the levels laid down in the Bill, attract liability to Capital Transthe donors, from trades unions or corporate bodies.

The provisions of the Bill, as fer Tax, more commonly known they stand, will discourage such as Gifts Tax. I cannot believe this will be

personal and voluntary giving.

May I ask the Chancellor to helpful to the democratic process in this country. Experience, accept an amendment to the Bill both here and in the United designed to extend to all poli-States in recent years, has surely tical parties, including his own, shown that, pending the concluthe same exemption which is sions of the committee shortly granted to charitable bodies:

tical purposes up to a specifie upper level should also b' exempt from liability to the ta: The financial health of polit cal parties is essential if the are to contribute effectively t

our democratic system. Such a

amendment would, I believe, b of considerable help toward that health. Yours truly, PHILIP WATKINS, Honorary Treasurer, The Liberal Party, 7 Exchange Court,

British ball and roller bearings

Profits Increased... Borrowings Reduced... **Prospects Good...**



RHP Chairman, Mr G W Barlow, has reported to shareholders that the company's performance has been the best since the merger. Profit before tax in the 52 weeks to 27 September, 1974, increased to £2,811,000 compared with £812,000 in the previous year and Mr Barlow expects the

continue. The ordinary dividend has been increased from the 13% paid in the past two

profit improvement to

paid for 1970/71. Over £1.9 million was

spent during the year on the capital investment programme to improve profitability and efficiency, and it is expected that a further £25 million will be spent this year. Despite this heavy investment programme and rapid inflation, borrowings were reduced by over £3 million in the last financial year which was a considerable achievement.

The substantial reduction in borrowings, accompanied by a £1.4 million reduction in stocks, led to an improvement in liquidity and there are adequate cash resources to meet foreseeable future needs.

The UK divisions continued to produce improved results throughout the year, and the performance of the overseas subsidiaries was excellent

Exports increased from £8.9 million to £12.1 million. Mr Barlow's report con-

cludes: "Ball and roller bearings are essential for modern life and our products are required for the maintenance of a wide range of industrial, transport and military equipment in many countries. We are offsetting the slow down in certain sectors by additional activity on other bearing ranges where we can excel against world competition. As a result, our factories are currently

well loaded. "The Company is in a stronger position than ever before and despite inflation and general economic uncertainties I believe we shall continue to improve our performance."

Results for the 52 weeks to 27th September 1974

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Trading Results	1974 <u>£000</u>	1973 £000
Sales Pre-Tax Profit Profit Available for Ordinary Dividends Ordinary Dividends	52,110 2,811 1,707 504 (17½%)	46,982 812 1,044 375 (13%)
Balance Sheet	£m	£m
Fixed Assets Current Assets -Stocks -Debtors -(Creditors) -(Short-Term Borrowings) Net Current Assets	14.8 15.3 11.1 (8.2) (3.0) 15.2 30.0	15.1 16.7 10.3 (8.0) (5.3) 13.7 28.8
Financed by: Shareholders Funds Long-Term Borrowings Deferred Tax, etc	20.2 8.0 1.8 9.8 30.0	19.0 8.8. <u>1.0</u> . 9.8 28.6

Ransome Hoffmann Pollard Limited

Barclays Tozer Limited Representative: Mr H.T. Bennett. Room

data-capture centres by numeric teleprocessing monitor which has been installed in five of Imperial Chemical Industries Mr Brian Chorlton, managing director of Management Dynamics, said that his group's par-

Computer Services covering the marketing of the service. Management Dynamics plans to exter the IBM-based service

ing service known as Direct Dial Data, developed by General Computer Services of El Paso, GTE Information Systems, the United Kingdom subsidiary of General Telephone and Elec-Data-capture centres are to be set up at regional offices throughout Britain. These will be equipped with MDS-type magnetic tape equipment linked to an IBM mainframe computer tronics Corporation.

ent organization, Greyhound Computer Corporation, is finalizing an agreement with General

GTE expands software Expansion in the field of software packages is planed by

Among the packages being marketed are Score, a Cobol program information retrieval which is in use with Shell Clients will be linked to the Petroleum; and Intercom, a

computer centres. COM extension

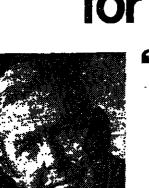
Eurocom Data, the computeroutput-to-microfilm (COM) company which is owned jointly by National Westminster Bank and the United States National Bank of Oregon, is to expand its European operations by open-ing new branches in Germany and Sweden.

This was announced by Mr
Gerald Pickering, deputy
general manager of National
Westminster's related banking
services division, at the opening
of Eurocom's third United Kingdom branch, at Rickmansworth. Hertfordshire.

Kenneth Owen

Joseph Lucas (Industries) Ltd.





An important opportunity for new business The year 1973/74 was characterised by two major events - the three-day week and the energy crisis. These events simply accelerated an already high rate of inflation which has now reached crisis proportions,

authoritatively described as the worst situation since the War. The task facing the Government is clearly formidable and its actions and the subsequent out-turn of events must have important implications for our business in the United Kingdom. Overseas we are similarly faced with a high rate of inflation of varying degrees and the continuing effect of the oil situation.

There is a lower demand for cars in the United Kingdom and in many overseas markets but the high price of oil has presented a new and important situation. The cost of oil is a decisive factor in the comparative economics of the petrol and diesel engines. The enormous increase in the price of fuel places the advantage clearly with the diesel engine. As the principal supplier of fuel injection and electrical equipment for diesel engines – not only in the United Kingdom but in many other parts of the world - we are faced with an unprecedented opportunity for new business. In other fields we can also improve our position, partly from meeting new requirements, but also from increasing our share of existing business - which is particularly true of our European operations.

a solid build-up of business over a number of years and we expect this growth to continue this year. We do not underrate the present economic difficulties but we do not feel overpowered by the prevailing atmosphere of gloom and it is therefore in a mood of sober confidence that we face the current difficulties as well as the important opportunities that we shall seize.

All our overseas companies, in many parts of the world, have maintained

£m 269.4 Sales - United Kingdom 129.8 – Overseas 452.8 399.2 Surplus on trading Profit before taxation 17.6 26.7*1 8.0 9.5 Taxation

**Includes £1.8 million against Rolls-Royce Ltd. debt no longer required.

At the Company's Annual General Meeting held in Birmingham on December 16th 1974 shareholders approved the following special Resolution: That, subject to the approval of the Department of Trade, the name of the Company be changed with effect from 1st January 1975 to Lucas Industries Limited.

Profit after taxation

The above are extracts from the Company's Report and Accounts. Copies are available on request to Joseph Lucas Ltd., Public Relations Department, Great King Street, Birmingham B19 2XF.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

America fills some gaps for Hanson

rvival is the game, then in Trust looks better ped than many with a rative balance sheet due month and cash of around underpinning a market lization of £18.6m.

e, the 25 per cent inin profits to £10.4m some soft spots which kely to remain in 1975. It surprise that brick profits y half to £2m; while defor prestige facing-bricks for presinge facing-oricks sonable, it is spread over if years and is liable to ictim to major cutbacks blic spending. And be 1 £339,000 loss in the proposits in the second half writedown to book value, we have been second bases. d up by valuations in Sep-Hanson believe this is ic, but faces possibly a g of income from this next year to around the

running then has to be yely done by the United fish products group, Seawhich brought in about profit for nine months spects maintained profits year. Some help will from the liquidity surplus brought in £718,000 last n net interest received of course further acquiare made. A p/e ratio and yield of 12 per cent he shares at 59p are un-ig ratings but the shares be held; Hanson took right precautions a year and should be able to

er next year's storms. 1973-74 (1972-73) lization £18.6m £71.1m (£51.7m) r profits £10.4m (£8.25m) igs per share 16.4p (13.9p) nd gross 7.35p (6.55p)

10n Street

king up pieces

tional Westminster is to .6 er cent of the recon-ed Cannon Street Investand takes on, rather than up, the remnants of the g business for a nominal Holders of the £4.2m convertible loan stock eel they come off none :ll with £1.47m nominal, d per cent, of the new, but the clear message neither they nor any of her unsecured creditors have recovered a penny

a liquidation. And on basis shareholders can themselves lucky to up with 10 per cent of new capital—effectively them one share for every eviously held.

e shares looks to be anyguess. Policy from now ill be concentrated on ping the miscellaneous oping the miscellaneous ted activities but, though oup is expecting "a satisty return on capital yed" here, 1975 forecasts while it is as well to be that there is still net of some £6m—£15.3m

–to service. short, given shareholders' of £7m, CSI remains a geared animal, particuso with net worth includ-£4.1m of goodwill and d investments valued at as of October 31: ting for the subsequent at fall leaves net worth ound £2m. That may not a fair reflection of able value, but with est's prior ranking in any ng up in respect of its nominal of new capital,



Hanson Trust: Cash of £22m underpins a market worth of

Tubes/Midland

Buying market share

Midland Aluminium is being cagey about the extent of the damage done by its venture into Europe, but is strongly of the opinion that shareholders and the market will be disappointed with the results for the half year to end-September, which compare with a pre-tax total of £1.08m last time. The balance sheet for the year to end-March revealed the group to be relatively low-geared; the gas heating market has picked up strongly after something of a slump mid-summer; and al-though the bouseware side is doing less well than previously, it by no means makes for a

disaster situation. Under these circumstances the group might have been ex-pected to ride out teething problems overseas, even though the initial £258,000 consideration for the purchase of an 80 per cent stake in Interdomo's equity was due to be supplemented by sub-scription of an additional £800,000-plus in new equity during 1974. The outcome goes to prove that little companies can-not afford to make mistakes in the current climate, otherwise they run into serious trouble or are picked off cheaply by the

As for Tubes, assuming that there is no reference to the Monopolies Commission, it will have purchased itself for what is, in the context of its own balance sheet, mere chickenfeed, a very large stake in two important markets. Midland has an estimated one-third share of the market for gas boilers— which is bound to thrive given the relative cheapness of this fuel—and some 60 per cent of the market for non-stick pans. Neither are likely to be major money spinners in the short term: both should produce a handsome return on the medium-term view which Tubes is taking.

Albright & Wilson

Tenneco reaps some reward

Albright & Wilson shareholders cannot fairly be rueful about the terms on which Tenneco is converting its loan stock into equity.
Tenneco bought into Albright
after the unhappy adventure in
Newfoundland had brought the group's profits down sharply, along with the share price.

Tenneco paid a relatively generous 70p a share for the 10 per cent equity stake it acquired around 1970 and it was no surprise that it negotiated a conversion price of 32½p on the £17.5m of convertible loan stock ir subscribed, on a coupon of 5 per cent, the following year.

The American group was about the only big financial backer Albright could find then That the share price is now back up to 36p (after bumping along around 20p through the bull market) is thanks to Tenneco's backing and a fortuitous rise in world phosphate prices, for the Long Harbour plant has yet to prove itself.

The fully diluted historic p/e of over 6 on the conversion price is in any case generous enough by present chemical sector standards. True, Tenneco obviously gains from exchanging a 5 per cent running yield on the loan stocks for an implied gross yield of over 11; per cent on equity at the conversion price. But though Albright would now probably have to pay nearer 15 per cent than 5 per cent on a loan stock its low gearing (ex-conversion) and the cash position probably render sub-stantial fresh borrowings un-necessary at this stage.

Martin the Newsagent

Christmas spending

Some £110,000 of Martin's full year profits gain of £126,000 was made in the first six months of the year, despite the fact that sales jumped by 42½ per cent in the second half, against a rise of just 13 per cent at the interior cross. interim stage.

With margins in the final six months dropping from 5.3 per cent to 3.8 per cent, the results give some indication of the sort of inflationary crosses the retailers have had to bear in the wake of last May's enforced gross margin reduction. But, unlike many others, Martin has survived a stacky period relatively unscathed, and, indeed, appears to have reduced margins by rather more than necessary in order to get volume in-

Martin has evidently gained from the buoyant trend in retail sales discernible from July onwards. Most of last year's expansion in the selling area was completed by the in-terim stage. And, looking at the group's sales mix, substantial increases in cover prices and tobacco products suggests that the inflation element alone in group sales is running at an annual rate of around a third

across the board. Nevertheless, a gain of over two-fifths in the final six months, and reports of that accelerating to 55 per cent over the past few some strong volume growth in front of Christmas, while a forecast of higher interim profits this time shows that the group is recovering from the once and for all squeeze on gross mar-gios. But no retailer is prepared to stick its neck our about spend-ing trends next year, although Martin, whose dependence on high-margin, luxury or semi-luxury merchandise is less than that of say, W. H. Smith is feeling hoppy enough to maintain its high rate of physical expansion within the confines of cash flow. With the shares unchanged at 56p yesterday a fully diluted p/e ratio of just under 4 and a yield of 91 per cent look less vulnerable than many in the

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £2.70m
*Sales £30.3m (£23.9m)
Pre-tax profits £1.51m (£1.38m)
Earnings per share 14.1p
(15.1p) Capitalization £2.78m

The soaring cost of industrial waste

Boots pumps 1.2 million galinus of cffluent, the waste from pharmaceuticals manufacture, from its two Nottingham factories every working day. Until now it has cost them £50,000 a year for the local nuthority's sewage works to cope with it.

The Severn-Trent Water Authority, one of the 10 newly by the way some local authorities.

The Severn-Trent Water Authority, one of the 10 newly created giant undertakings that now look after everything to do with water resources and treatment in England and Wales, has in initial consultations sold the in initial consultations told the company that the charge next year ought to go up 500 per cent to £250,000.

Boots, like every other indus-

try coping with many inflationary pressures while strait-jacketed by the Price Commission on margins, displayed a predictable reaction. Dr Raymond Grafton, their safety and appringment officer said: environment officer, said:
"This is not the biggest item in
our budget, but it is significant.
We can't just accept this enor-

mous increase. Naturally we are protesting most strongly." This basic scenario, with a number of variations is being played out in many other places as water authorities near the year-end point of decision on next year's charges. It reflects the fact that, after being in business for less than a year the new water under-takings are running into rough

financial weather, The deeper the new authorities have gone into the affairs of the 1.500 authoricies they have replaced the more the bills have mounted. Total historical debt alone is £2.500m, taking in water supply, sewerage, sewage disposal, the work of the river boards and the rest of the hydrological cycle.

Combined turnover of the water authorities is £600m a year. Capital outlay this year is around £400m. An Iranian loan for that amount has just been taken up.
It is questionable whether

by the way some local authorities were content to put off badly needed sewerage work, while still pressing on with new housing schemes and industrial expansion. Schemes like this in future are likely to be held up by a virtual sewer or services moratorium.

The effects of some local authorities—but by no means all—following that old political maxim of there being no votes in dealing with dirty water are now seen to be coming home to

Increased wage payments and inflation of general costs are also hitting the water authori-ties as much as any other indus-

In the past year, too, the disappearance of the rate support grant has geared up the water bills, a situation worsened in some areas—especially Wales— by there having been hitherto various masked subsidies from general rating funds. It has all brought a note al-most of desperation into some

of the informal discussions on next year's charges now going on within the water authorities' On one hand it is claimed nationally that increased charges -water supply and effluent processing—coming through could generally vary from 25 per cent to 60 per cent. The lower increases should be seen in the London supply area, for instance, because they have good existing facilities.

At local level the picture is, to say the least, more varied. The Welsh Water Development Authority, for instance, plans to equalize rates for water supply next year despite

Companies face higher bills for treating effluent in the wake of water authority

current official recommendations that such measures should be phased in over at least two years from last April's inauguration of the new authorities.
This follows some steep rises in the current year which, in Anglesey for instance, went to a 100 per cent increase. Local Confederation of British Industry oficials have been worried about industrial effects from this alone, especially on big water users like textile com-

reorganization

One Welsh textile company's bill jumped from an annual £12 to £456

Equalization would in fact bring down water charges in rural areas, but a lot of city and suburban bills could double. Wales—with historic double. Wales-with historic debts of £178m and another £87m already committed over the next five years—has still to quantify economic costs for treatment of industrial effluent.

For most industrialists this rather than watersupply looks like being the high-cost factor. So much evidence was mounting of many water authorities wanting to hoist charges sharply next year for effluent processing, with a 500 per cent jump total subsidy from the general

CBI started investigating effects

on industrial costings.
While bigger companies, if they have to, can arguably absorb such escalations, the scale of increase in effluent charges could be critical for some medium-sized and smaller than the difference.

some medium-sized and smaller enterprises. The difference between survival and closure could especially become a real issue for companies in engineering, in leather processing, in plating and in textile dyeing.

Mr Peter Malcolm, assistant regional secretary at the West Midlands CBL, said: "We are still at the consultative stage with the water authority, but it is clear there could be very serious effects, for instance, for the East Midlands textile comthe East Midlands textile com-panies. In the West Midlands there is grave concern at the prospect of increased charges." A survey of textile dyeing companies, heavily concentrated in the Leicester-Nottingham area has shown charges could rise an average 500 per cent.

with some companies paying more than that. A typical 200-employee dyeing company will currently be paying around £3,600 a year for effluent processing. A jump to £18,000 in one year could in some cases represent a full 2 per cent of turnover.

Although the Severn-Trent authority at first appeared to want to bring in such swingeing increases in 1975. Business News was subsequently told: "In some cases, to recover the cost of effluent treatment in certain areas where charges are lifted, we should need to make 500 per cent increases. This would obvi-ously be undesirable. Discussions are continuing on the means of phasing the increases.

No formal applications for
charges have been made."

Severn-Trent make the point

that present charges are grossly below cost, in some areas-

no means unusual, that the rates. Moreover, in "many started investigating effects cases", they say, charges have not been reviewed for the past

two to four years.

Unlike the Welsh authority, Severn-Trent have now decided to equalize water supply charges over five years with a 20 per cent annual maximum. Whatever route each water authority takes to try to claw its way back to financial stability, it is obviously going to be a tricky climb. The Welsh, for

example, have taken counsel's opinion on whether they are entitled to surcharge all the water they export. Water re-cycling, until now hardly an economic proposition, could become a serious option for many companies. W. Canning, a Birmingham company which is a giant in producing equipment in this field, regards it as a developing market

it as a developing market medium term. Equalization of charges could prove an even bumpier ride than it appears at the moment. The Jukes Committee, which originally recommended a two year phasing for equalization, is apparently likely to put out a new view, if it is agreed by the Secretary of State, recommending that rather than pursuing equalization at the present time, authorities should consider covering costs of specific schemes in the immediate area

benefiting from it. At some point, the Department will have to face the question of whether to opt for the traditional last resort with a nationalized industry and write off all or part of the historical

More than one water authority has said in private that this is the only way for their finances to begin to make sense. Alternatively Wales, at least, arguably has a case for an interim subsidy.

Derek Harris

Vital measures jeopardized by a sluggish US Congress

The United States Congress, often a sluggish, overly ponderous and vacillating body, now threatens to strike a severe blow at the prospects of a brighter future for a world at present beset by the gravest for the economy than the economic dislocation seen in Administration desires. four decades.

Through a display of ineptitude and lack of a sense of urgency, Congress appears set to fail in the rask of enacting vital legislation. Senator Robert Byrd, one of the most powerful Demograte on Conital Hill Con-Democrats on Capitol Hill, can-didly admits that it is still un-certain whether even the single most important Bill before Congress, the Trade Reform Bill, will reach the statute book. However, the Bill's chances have been improved by an overwhelming Senate vote last

Friday. The ninety-third Congress is scheduled to end around December 21 and time pressures are certain to bring death to most Bills pending. Bills that fail to be enacted this year will have to be introduced as entirely new

pieces of legislation in the ninety-fourth Congress. Much of the first couple of months of the new legislative session will be devoted to House of Representatives and Senate organizational problems and thus, Bills not passed now, will take at least several months to become law, with the delays in some cases having severe and costly consequences.

From the economic standpoint

the most vital Bills pending concern the Federal budget, unemployment questions, trade and energy. It would be false to give the impression that all hope of legislation on these matters is lost: Congress has managed in the past to act with dispatch on occasion. But as the clock ticks on, so many expert observers are giving increasingly

lower odds on the chances President Ford recently proposed a 5 per cent income tax surcharge and \$4,600m (about £2,000m) of budget cuts, but he and top White House officials

Bills dealing with these matters being passed this year are remote. The impact of Congress's inaction here and on other budget measures will be a much heftier dose of reflation

Wilbur Mills, the once powerful chairman of the House ways and means committee, intro-duced a reduced version of his earlier tax reform Bill late last month, with the hope that by making it less complex it would stand a greater chance of passage before the session ends. The Bill includes significant tax relief for lower income groups But the Bill, because of the time shortage, has now been killed by the Senate Rules Committee, although parts of it may be added to other Bills. The tay Rill's changes have also The tax Bill's chances have also

been sharply reduced by the swift decline in Mr Mills's influence, following his recent involvement in a scandal.

The downfall of the Arkansas Democrat, who is recovering from his folly by a sojourn in hospital, leaves Congress without one of its most able experts at rushing legislation through, and this could endanger several

Bills now pending.

A Bill that has now not even the faintest chance of passage seeks to extend the existing ban on United States citizens owning gold beyond December 21. The piece of legislation, pro-31. This piece of legislation, pro-posed by Henry Gonzalez, chairman of the House subcommittee on international finance, is keenly supported by Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of

Senator Edward Brooke, a Republican from Massachusetts, has proposed legislation to repeal resale price maintenance laws, which he claims will save consumers about \$2,000m a the Federal Reserve. year. This Bill, however, is just not high up enough on Congress's priority list to get enacted in the few remaining days of the current session.

More than 30 assorted pieces

now admit that the prospects of of energy legislation are pend-

Whipp hand

ing and nearly all of them will have to be reintroduced next year. Senator Henry Jackson, Washington state Democrat, has just introduced a standby energy emergency Bill that would give the President the power to im-pose mandatory controls on domestic oil consumption and

This Bill has broad support and may just manage to get through Congress, but President Ford said in a December 10 letter to Senator Jackson that he could not support the Bill in its present form. A series of amendments will have to be made to ensure that the Bill does not get vetoed by the President and time is swiftly running out

Some sort of legislation dealing with unemployment appears assured, but even at this late date its final shape remains un-

certain.

The task of getting a Bill through is going to test the skills of Al Ullman, Demo-crat from Oregon, who is acting chairman of the ways and means committee. He has sponsored an emergency unemployment programme and will have to work flat out in the next few days if a Bill dealing adequately with both public service jobs increased unemployment benefits is to get through both Houses of Congress.



Representative Wilbur Mills: his resignation as chairman of mittee after a scandal could endanger several pending Bills; his own tax reform proposals were killed through lack of

Finally, and most importantly, there is the Trade Reform Bill, which has been before Congress for more than 20 months and whose fate remains uncertain. The AFL-CIO trade union organization has increased its efforts to rally opposition to the Bill on the argument that trade liberalization will add to American unemplyoment.

The Administration wants the The Administration wants the trade Bill passed more than any other piece of legislation. The Bill, with its provisions covering Soviet trade, could enhance the prospects for East-West detente if passed. Failure to enact the Bill could seriously stiffe detents while producing stifle détente, while producing hardship to many Russians who have applied for emigration visas (trade concessions to the Russians in the Bill are tied to Soviet assurances on emigra-

tion). Failure to enact the Bill could also wreck all hopes of a new GATT trade liberalization round. The Bill has just got through the Senate, by 71 votes to 4, but it must now go to a joint conference of both Houses and after that it must return for a final vote in each House. There are not even five days left for this whole procedure.

The next few days ought to be of frenzied activity on Capitol Hill. At this point one can say with confidence that key trade, unemployment and energy Bills have only an even chance of passage, while a host of important Bills dealing with the environment, social wel-fare, financial institutions and to wait for action by the ninetyfourth Congress.

Frank Vog!

INTERIM STATEMENT

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Mechanical and Civil Engineers

INTERIM STATEMENT

The unaudited results for the half-year ended 30th September, 1974 are given below together with the comparative figures for the half-year ended 30th September, 1973 and the full year ended 31st March, 1974. Half-year ended Year ended

							30th Sep	otember	31st March
Turnover			٠.		٠.		1974 £000 8,666	1973 £000 6.888	1974 £000 14,862
Trading Profit	••			••	••	••	556	500	1,051
Interest				••	• •		(139)	~ (95)	1974 £000 14,862
Group Pre-tax					••	••	417	405	
Taxation (<i>note</i>	?1)	••	••	• •	••	• •	(133)	(114)	(262)
GROUP NET I				MOIT	••	••	£284	£291	£590
Earnings per O Earnings per O					(ne	ote 2)	5·7p	5·9p	12·3p
full tax char						**	3·6p	3·5p	7-4p
Net tangible at	ssets pe	r Ordi	nary Sha	i.e		u	36·9p	27·2p	31·8p
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 The taxation charge at 52% comprises a transfer to Tax Equalisation Account in view of the capital allowances and stock appreciation relief available. Tax losses carried forward of £1-4 million are available against future profits in the appropriate companies.

2.—The comparative figures for earnings and net tanglible assets per Ordinary Share have been adjusted to reflect the capitalisation issue of 3 for 5 made on 16th August, 1974.

Your Board has declared an interim dividend amounting to £34,666 (net) for the year ending 31st March. 1975 of 0-75p (gross 1-1194p) per share on the Ordinary Share Capital. Such dividend is payable on 24th January, 1975 to Shareholders registered at the close of business on 20th December, 1974. This compares with the interim dividend equivalent to 0-5562p (gross 0-9375p) per share amounting to £29,584 (net) paid on 4th January, 1974 in

respect of the year ended 31st March, 1974. In the absence of any unforeseen circumstances, your Board expects to recommend a in the absence of any unforeseen circumstances, your source superist to recommend a final dividend on the Ordinary Share Capital for the year ending 31st March, 1975 of 2-2081 p (gross 3-2957p) per share, which would make a total of 2-9561p (gross 4-4151p) per share, being the maximum permitted by the Government. For the previous year the maximum final dividend payable (before election for the scrip dividend) was equivalent to 1-9629p (gross 2-8041p) per share.

Despite the heavy increase in our costs and interest charges and the delayed effect of the three-day week on our component suppliers, turnover and profits in the Mechanical Engineering Division have improved and all works have good order books. In the Civil Engineering Division the workload in Scotland is increasing, but elsewhere the curback by the Government has led to reduced work for the Post Office and local authorities. In view of the difficult circumstances which have prevailed during the half-year, the profit made by the Civil Engineering Division can be regarded as satisfactory.

The cost of financing increased working capital remains high, but our bank facilities are adequate for our present and estimated future requirements. Given reasonable stability and uading conditions your Board has every confidence in the future development of the Group.

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JOHN HINE.

Dividend gross 5.45p (4.856p) *Excluding VAT shareholders are going to to continue to sweat. Business Diary: Lost in the computer •

Benn's announcement David Firnberg is the waited new director of the nal Computing Centre ed to catch the Depart-of Industry, the centre even Firnberg himself on 100 vesterday 10p yesterday.

an's department referred ioners to the NCC in Maner, who in turn declined scuss the appointment on grounds that it was still r wraps. Firnberg himself not available either at his ltancy or at his Hertfordhome when Business Diary yesterday.

mberg, of course, could been anywhere—out cele-ng the new job, perhaps. the centre should know so was passing strange, howsince according to Benn's uncement he was to have

data processing, before setting up his own show, Geoffrey Firmberg Associates. He was, however, involved with government once more with consulting and training assignments.

And that, after chasing the form of Alec Robins and market between the departure last between the consultant for the consult ilt for the new Greater

hester Council. we, by the way, was tred in a meeting when we I, so he too was unavailto relate externally when

NCC was founded in with government money to the more effective use of uters. Since then, the fund from other sources has aken that of the Govern-although the choice of or apparently still resides nn's hands.

nberg ran ICL's internal



"If the pound is devalued by 22 per cent in three years, how long will it be before . . . ?"

had that, after chasing about between London, Manchester and deepest Hertfordshire, is About all there is to be said for the moment. No doubt all the confusion can be put down to confusion can be put down to a hiccup somewhere in the

computer.

Pleased One person who is pleased with the Oldham Estates, Co-opera-tive Insurance deal is stockbroker Roger Whipp, who the other day bought some more Oldham shares at 27p, compared with the 50p at which the Co-op

scene of an entertaining if un-year economic development as dealing.
Whipp has been prominent in enlightening set-piece confron-plan for the island, and a study was dealing.



Hollowood

the controversy surrounding Harry Hyams' property empire ever since the developer acquired the small, dormant textile "shell" in 1959 as a vehicle for his ambitions.

"The deal is all right as far as shareholders are concerned," Whippy told Rugings Diary

as shareholders are concerned."
Whipp told Business Diary
yesterday. He added that the
deal was probably all right as
far as Hyans is concerned,
since on Whipp's estimate the
property developer will have
cleared about £50m thereby.
If the Co-op does buy out the
mere 7! per cent of the equity
held by the public, then the re-

held by the public, then the re-sult will be to make New Year's Eve an even scanner news day than is normal. Oldham annual meetings, always held on the last business day of the year, are usually the scene of an entertaining if un-

persistent. Last year's affair could be said to have ended in a technical knockout with Hyams the winner. He preempted Whipp's questions by reading them out, only to answer "no" after each

Hyams then went on to lambast Whipp's estimate that the net worth of an Oldham share was 350p, valuing the company at over £600m. This sort of at over 2000m. This sort of assessment, Hyams said, had done more damage to property companies than anything else.

Whipp, on the other hand, would not be aloue were he to argue that misconceptions flourish many there is less than the same than the same

disposition to inform people to Rolling stone

Geoffrey Church, Guernsey's first—and for some time at least, last—director of economic development, is heading for the mainland with half of his five-year contract to run.

Church, who is 45, is to return to an old speciality. He came to Guernsey from Pilkington Brothers, where he advocated, designed and built the company's Wrexham fibreglass plant. From February, he will become production director for

Composite Materials Engineer-

ing and Hyfil Limited, an Avonmouth-based maker of composite materials for everything from rockets to deep water wells. He leaves behind him a 10-

tation between Hyams, a chair of the horticultural industry, man who is as urbane as he is the island's biggest, and inclusive, and Whipp, who is a creased interest in the island questioner as erudite as he is from light industry. There are no plans to replace him.

> Church is a rolling stone whose career has taken him to the United States and to South Africa. He said that much of the work envisaged by the island's planning and finance committee when they made the appointment has now been done. If so, then this fits in well with critics of the £9,000-ayear plus appointment, said to be the biggest salary received by a public official on the island.

> The appointment was made by it island's advisory and finance committee, whose finance committee, whose chairman, Edward Collas, is Guernsey's equivalent of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The creation of the post, and even more its remuneration, took some people by surprise and there were complaints of inadequate consultation.

Then some of the island's economic surveillance—notably that of scrutinizing the new banks flocking to its hospitable shores—went elsewhere.
All Church would add last night was that the job was no longer big enough.

Is Sir Don Ruder, the Govern-ment's new industrial adviser, already encountering difficul ties in understanding the circumlocutory mandarins of the Cabinet Office? Business Diary saw a messenger from that department inquiring urgently at Hatchards bookshon last week after an order placed by the office for a copy of the Concise Oxford English Diction-

Buoyant freight and engineering sides bring cheer to Giltspur

advance in sales to £21.46m for look for the motor division is the six months to end-Septem-"somewhat cloudy" although ber, pre-tax profits of industrial there was an increase in halfservices group Giltspur have time profits from £411,000 to advanced from £1.21m to £455,000 despite lack of supplies £1.31m, an outcome which Mr of heavy trucks and slack Maxwell Joseph, chairman, considers "most encouraging" in There was also a small adview of the difficult conditions vance in profits from the interwithin which the group has national been operating.

ber hurt importing and mer-chanting group May & Hassell severely in the six months to

the end of September. Interim

unsecured stocks. Slater, Walker

Securities has made a further

£2m after stock write-off

pre-tax profits have been slashed from £3.2m to £1.2m "significantly lower" at the on sales slightly higher at £16.1m.

He said that stocks were "significantly lower" at the end of the first half than a year earlier. But he work to be the said that stocks were sales as a said that stocks were sales as a said that stocks were significantly lower.

Atley told shareholders that tions as "the worst I have ever these results included "a mas-known".

With the purchase for re is understood that the group demption of some £10m of originally showed interest in an

substantial reduction in its loan stock commitments.

The deal, involving major investment institutions both in Britain and abroad, reduces the substantial reduction in its loan Market prices of the four stocks bave fallen sharply along with the rest of the fixed interest market. The 9 per cent

total of the group's United 1991-96 stock was quoted yester-Kingdom quoted loan stock still day at 41p, the 93 per cent 1991-

outstanding by about one-fifth. 96 at 41p, the 9½ per cent 1988-Negoriations have been pro-ceeding for some time, and ir 1997-2002, at 40p

performed so well is an

confidence placed in the

Society by its investors."

Total assets reach £1.109 million.

In one year, £217 million loaned to 33,000 families

this enabled the Society to sustain lending at over

These 33,000 families know what it means to have one of the largest Building Societies in the world

And so do the people who hold over one million

In an age of financial depression, figures like these ve investors in The Leeds all the confidence

The Leeds gives it to you straight.

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INTERIM STATEMENT

May & Hassell

(Timber Importers) .

Interim Statement by the Chairman, Mr J H B Atley Half-Year ended 30th September, 1974

RESULTS. Profit achieved despite a massive write down of stock values to a realistic base level from which the

Group can trade profitably in the next six months. The

quantity of stock held at the end of the period was

DIVIDENDS. Proposed interim dividend represents an increase of almost 12½% on the equivalent last year.

ACQUISITIONS. The Halifax Timber Merchant business of John Crossland and Son Limited has been acquired and

four months very encouraging trading is included. Allan Bros. Limited, Berwick on Tweed, acquired in April, 1974,

has made a significant contribution to the profit figure

TAXATION. The recent budget provision relating to stock

inflation will reduce the Group's liability to Corporation

Tax in January, 1975, from £2.6m to £1.2m which will

OUTLOOK. Your Group is well placed to weather the

storm of worsening world recession and when it is over

FINANCIAL STATISTICS (UNAUDITED)

1974

2000

16,162

1,236

Copies of the Interim Report are available from the Secretary,

3/8 Redcliffe Parade West, Bristol BS99 7PH.

0.7p

Half Year to

30th Sept

1973

5000

15,973

3,247

0.65625p

will most certainly emerge from it all the stronger.

significantly lower than at 30th September, 1973.

and is continuing to trade very satisfactorily.

greatly assist the Group's liquidity.

Turnover

Profit before taxation

Interim dividend per

ordinary share ...

adjusted for scrip issue.

One of the 'Sig Five'. A Member of the Suilding Societies Associa Shares and Deposits in the Society are Trustee Invastments.

investment accounts with the Society.

Gross investment receipts were a record £447 million

"...that The Leeds

Permanent has

indication of the

buying their own homes.

they could ask for.

Slater stock redemption

6.1m. earlier. But he went on to Group chairman Mr J. H. B. describe current trading condi-

exhibition division. although this was to some extent Best results were in the international freight division, where trading profits advanced from 5443,000 to \$558,000; and the part of the group's policy of t engineering division also did strengthening future earnings well with an increase in profits and reducing its reliance on the from £181,000 to £245,000. Pros- United Kingdom economy. The

group can trade profitably in the next six months?.

even larger percentage of its

By Adrienne Gleeson pects for both divisions are contribution from associated On the back of a 14.7 per cent considered good, but the out companies fell sharply, from £118,000 to £65,000.

The chairman says that the facilities available are adequate for future expansion and expected trading levels. The halftime balance sheet shows a small increase in cash from £1.68m to £1.86m, but bank overdrafts have increased from £2.24m to £4.3m, although this is not reflected in the interim interest charges, which are down from £423,000 to £341,000. Assuming that the half year pattern is maintained for the full year, the directors plan to make the maximum permitted increase in the dividend.

May & Hassell profit cut by | Hawtin sale to Gulf Falling world prices for tim- sive write-down of stock values & Western to a realistic base level from which it is considered that your

By Christopher Wilkins Shares in Hawtin, Ltd, the banking and finance group, were suspended at 3p yesterday to allow talks to proceed which will lead to Gulf & Western Industries acquiring its banking

business. Details of how much Gulf will pay have still to be finalized, but agreement in principle has been reached for it to buy Hawtin & Partners, the subsidiary through which Hawtin carries on its banking and hire

carries on its banking and hire purchase operations.
Gulf & Western first took an interest in Hawtin a year and a half ago when it subscribed for £10m of convertible loan stock. This was later increased to £15m, with the terms being revised in Gulf's favour. On full conversion Gulf would have held 63 per cent of would have held 63 per cent of Hawtin.

When the new arrangement is complete, Gulf will give up its right to convert, and its directors on the Hawtin board will resign. Hawtin will then be a company with industrial and property interests
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RTZ earnings may slip

Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation is forecasting pre-tax profits for 1974 above the £225m of 1973. But due to higher taxation, the attributable profits will be somewhat below last time's £69.6m. The board yesterday restated the interim figures to allow for full consolidation of Bougainville Copper. In Sep-tember ahead of the settlement of the new agreement with the Papua New Guinea Government, only dividends from Bougain-

ville were included. Now, pre-tax profits for the period are up from £78.1m to £164.6m, with tax taking £78.9m (£23.9m) to leave after tax profits at £85.7m compared with £54.2m. After minorities which rose from £30.4m to £48.4m net profits are ahead from £23.8m to £37.3m and earnings from 10.7p to 16.8p a share.

Orders safeguard at Crown House

Sounding a warning of the first sign of a downturn in several of the markets in which it operates, Crown House is, nevertheless, confident that healthy order books will ensure a reasonable second half of its current period to March.

In the first six months profits In the first six months profits

before tax rose 18 per cent to £736,000 after an associate's loss of £25,000 and Mr Patrick Edge-Partington, chairman, is hopeful that the full figure will not fall below the previous term's £1.97m. The dividend is 0.77p (0.75p).
Specifically, the chairman

says a slowing up in the construction industry is causing delayed completions once again.

Margins and charges squeeze Shaw Carpets

Margin pressure and an industrial stoppage early in the half contribute to an opening setback to Shaw Carpets. On sales of £8.35m against £7.1m, trading profit was up from £924,000 to £959,000, but after higher depreciation and interest the prestay dropped from terest, the pre-tax dropped from £525,000 to £367,000 for the 27 weeks to November 1. The interim payment is 1.3p (1.25p). increasing costs have brought home margins under pressure, particularly as selling prices could not be raised until September 1. But exports are still improving (up 53 per cent in the | 8 preceding year).

British Car Auction's opening upswing takes group 'over worst'

The confident mood three tigation by the Monopolies conths ago at British Car Commission or the Secretary of Luction Group—in spite of a State for Consumer Protection. months ago at British Car Auction Group—in spite of a sharp fall in profits seems to have been justified with a sparkling upswing in opening results to November 11. Turnover climbed 13 per cent to £27.08m, on which pre-tax earnings jumped 41 per cent to £402,000. The board is to conpected to exceed £750,000 and sider an interim dividend in April next, which would be payable on May 31 (against

ip).
The pattern in the preceding year were losses in the early months of the second-half, but a good recovery in the final quarter, which was maintained

in the half just past.

For the rest of the year, the new car business is unlikely to show any improvement, and at present the manufacturing side is beset with troubles. Nevertheless the current level of trading indicates that the company "is over the worst".

Jessel and the stake in JFB

Standing down as chairman from yesterday, Mr Oliver Jessel told the annual meeting of Johnson & Firth Brown that it was a matter of great regret that the future of Jessel Securities' stake in the company was in doubt. There were "no cross-guarantees from any parof this company to associated companies, or vice versa. he

Talks had taken place with "those interested parties who have approached us" on the future of the Jessel stake, Mr Peter Johnson, the new chairman, told the meeting.

Braby Leslie pay more

Given a fair run the board of Braby Leslie, (formerly the Economic Group), has every confidence in future develop-ment, with bank facilities adequate for requirements.

In the first half to September 30 pre-tax profit rose by £12,000 to £417,000 out of turnover of £8.66m (£6.88m). The interim payment is 1.11p (0.93p adjusted) and a total increased from adjusted 3.85m to 44m. from an adjusted 3.86p to 4.4p is predicted.

Christy-HAT disposal

With the effect of reducing £300,000, Christy Bros is to sell the electrical contracting business of its offshoot Christy
Electrical to HAT Group. HAT
is acquiring the fixed and trading assets of the business and has formed a new company, Christy Electrical Contractors. The value to Christy will be the realization of the assets in-

EIB Ulster loan

The European Investment Bank, the European Com-munity's medium-term lending institution, has completed its first loan to Ulster. It takes the form of a five year, 103 per cent £2.5m funding for Short Brothers and Harland, the Belfast aircraft company. The loan will finance development of the SD3-30 wide-bodied commuter aircraft. So far this year the EIB has lent £64.3m to the United Kingdom.

Cape Inds buying T & N unit

Directors of Turner & Newall and Cape Industries have agreed on the transfer of the insulation contracting business of Turner & Newall's sub-sidiary, Newalls Insulation, to Cape Contracts, a subsidiary of Cape Industries, with effect

to satisfactory indications that Worth Ho it will not be referred for inves-

These two businesses are of similar size and for the year ending December 31 are likely to have a combined turnover of about £15m. The consideration is not ex-

will be satisfied by the allot-ment on June 1, 1975 of Cape Industries' shares taking these

Charter Cons have undertaken to acquire the CI shares at 40p, making their interest 65.7 per

New 'ginger' group move on Talbex

In the red last year becauof losses of its mortgage offshoot, Talbex Group has been advised that Mr J. T. Chenery (who sought to requisition an extraordinary meeting in June) has again circularised members for support at the annual meeting on December 30.

Having leapt to a first-time £2m-plus last year, Siebe Gorman Holdings, the diving, fire-fighting and safety equipment group, notched up further growth in the first-half to September and by action The Talbex board states that Mr Chenery (who claims he has tember, underpinned by solid and continuing progress both in the backing of 6 per cent of the equity) has been invited in the past eight months to pass to the company information which he has said would be of value. This fit climbed 23 per cent (against 47 per cent for the 12 months) to a record 51.23m. Contribu-

had not been done.

The board itself will write to shareholders within the next few days, and they are asked to await receipt before deciding on bestowing their proxies.

RHP in good trim

In a "stronger position than ever before ", Ransome Hoffman Pollard looks to a continuing improvement in performance in the present term. Mr G. W. Barlow, chairman, tells mem-bers that the slowdown in some sectors was being offset by traditional activity on other bearing ranges where the group excels against world competi-tion. As a result factories are "well loaded". Last year pre-tax profit leapt from 5812,000 to 52.81m.

Lancer Boss

Included for the first time in the latest edition of The Times "1000", Lancer Boss Group in the first half to September 30 continued the preceding year's improvement. On sales up from 56.4m to 59.97m, pre-tax profit bounded from a mere £25,000 to £430,000. With only four months to go to the year-end, this maker of forklift trucks is confident that the trend can be maintained or improved. The percentage of retained profits will be high because of substantial tax

Cronite Group

With turnover of the Cronite Group up from £1.47m to £2.26m for the year to September 30, taxable profits were 50 per cent higher at £244,000. After deductions for reorganiz-ation, deferred tax adjustments and a change in the basis of stock valuations and adding a property sale surplus on the comparison, profit after tax comes out at £55,000 (£142,000). Earnings were 3.3p (2.5p) and the total dividend 3.35p (3.37p).

Moderna unmoved In spite of the counter-bid

from Mountain Securities, the board of Moderna (Witney) says that with its advisers, Arbuthnot Latham, it could not give a unanimous recommendation to the proposed 64p cash for the of Turner & Newall's subsidiary, Newalls Insulation, to ordinary only. Though prepared
to reopen discussions with
Cape Industries, with effect Mountain, Moderna continues
January 26.

This transaction is subject preference offers of Bond
to satisfactory indications that worth Holdings, which closes

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence	or app			es.	
Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
and par values)	div	ឧទ្ធល	date	total	year
Austin (London) (25p) Int	1_45	1.25	11/2		3.93
Beechwood Cons (10p) Int	0.62	0.6	_	-	2.24
Braby Leslie (10p) Int	1.11	0.93†	24/1	4.4* 3.35	3.86+
Can imp Bank (\$2) Qly	28.05	27.0\$	1/2		111.05
Cronite (25p) Fin	2.23	2.25	14/2	3.35	3.37
Crown House (10p) Int	0.77	0.75	14/2	=	2.42
W. Crowther (10p) Int	2.08	2.0	10/2		5.13
Spicure Hidgs (5p) Fin	Nil	0.52		0.12	0.79
Giltspur (10p) Int	1.19	1.0	13/1		2.98
Hanson Tst (25p) Fin_	4.4	3.93	-	7.35	6.55
Kennedy Smale (10p) Int	1.0	1.0	3/4	_	2.1
Martin, Newsagent (25p) Fin	2.98	2.5	_	5.45	4.85
May & Hassell (25p) Int	1.06	0.93†	_	_	3.09
Midland Cons (10p) Fin	$0.89 \pm$	Nil		1.48	Nil
tonksley Inv (1 2-3p)	0.14	0.13	14/2	0.14	0.13
cots O'seas Inv (25p)	3.72	3.57	_	3.72	3.57
iebe Gorman (25p) Int	2.21	1.97	2/4	_	4.96
haw Carpets (10p) Int	1.3	1.25	27/2	-	2.76
Adjusted for scrip. *Forec	ast. Si	Cents.		Treasury	
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Stock markets

Gilts' upsurge goes on

The stock market was in good form yesterday, following further denials that Saudi Arabia was looking with disfavour upon the pound sterling. Gilt-edged stocks rose strongly, and inspired a good, if less dramatic recovery in share prices. The FT index closed 4.0 up at 156.2 (after 156.7). Turnover remained unexciting however, as displayed by a total of only 5,020 recorded bargains, the lowest Monday for two

Government bonds yesterday continued the strong rally set in train on Friday. For the first time for many sessions the short-dated "tap". Treasury 11½ per cent, 1979, became "operative". Dealers reported that the Government Broker managed to sell stock on a small scale at prevailing market

Recent statements about the investment intentions of Saudi Arabia, together with the healthier trend in the sterling exchange rate and some closing of "bear positions", appeared to be the main factors behind the latest advance. However, buying was said to be insufficiently heavy to justify the sharp upward movement in prices that actually occurred.

Longer "shorts" ended with net gains of 7/16 to 3 point, while "mediums" and "longs" displayed a net advance of between § and § point. The market was described as still "highly nervous" and "volatile", with the discount market apparently pushing prices up at the "chort and" the "short end".

In the equity market, prices opened higher and quickly made further progress as gilts forged ahead. But turnover was light and many prices finished below their best levels when buyers failed to materialize. Equities have been almost dominated for the past week by the falls in gilts, which in turn reflected the fall in sterling caused by fears that Arab countries might be about to flee from sterling. The movements in market indices have not been accompanied by any great increases in business.

At the end of yesterday's session, ICI showed a net gain of 3p at 121p, having touched in October for £687,000 for half the area, and the second is due between March, 1976 and 1977.

3p to 56p, and Brit Amer Tobacco 4p to 156p. Heavy engineering is. managed to shake off their particular gloom, to follow

international leaders to his ground. GKN (99p), Durindgs (24p) and Hawker deley (132p), all gained growth and the dull spot however. BLMC, down to a new los 62p, with the market takin unhappy view of the tra results due tomorrow. Indications from the " tra that Christmas spending is I

ing up well brought a shadow of the traditi demand for store shares the market. But rises of a pence in Marks & Sper Boots (94p), and Great Un-sal Stores "A", reflected little in the sense of bu

Brewery shares, also tradit favourities at Christmas flicked higher without attramuch interest. A batch of ir ment circulars has recwarned against problems a for brewery profits and the rinvestors are taking a can view just now.

A mild shock was administly the suspension of Hawtin pending the outcome of talks Gulf and Western. A few fee developed following company nouncements of one kind of other.

There was a fresh advant Hawthorn Lestie, the shipbut after press comment on the f for the stake held in the con by the now-defunct Court Kettering continued to look development on the Goodyear talks. Shares in Furness R strong last week on hints (Arab interest, recovered mo an early fall as profit-takers replaced by fresh hopefuls. The financial sector continu

move forward, but saw little ness. Barclays Bank ended 2 at 116p, and Slater Walker Se at 1109, and Slater Walker St ties, at 33p, closed one penny ter. Property shares opened certainly on the disclosure o sale of Oldham Estates to the Operative Insurance, but reco-later with the rest of the ma Sandi Arghi's decision of Saudi Arabia's decision or follow the OPEC lead to high follow the OPEC lead to high prices brought a firmer among oil shares. But cl prices for BP (200p) and (130p) showed very minor a Gold shares were firmer v they showed any inclinatio move from overnight levels. Equity turnover on Decembe 139.1m (11,597 bargains). A stocks vesterday, according to stocks yesterday, according to

Change Telegraph, were ICI.
Cons Goldfields, Distillers,
Land Securities, AP Cer Land Securities, AP Cer Beechams, Courtaulds and G

Wall Street

Mr. G. C. D'Arcy Biss, chairman

of Siebe Gorman: Solid progress

Interim leap

Britain and overseas in the

On turnover some 45 per cent higher at £11.62m, taxable pro-

tions from associates, however, fell from £317,000 to £144,000.

Excluding associates, therefore,

In the latest half the reduc-

tion from associates reflects

recent European regrouping and related disposal of interests in some former affilia-

Elsewhere, with the premises

at Chessington, Surrey, now much larger than required, arrangements have been com-

pleted for production to move

to Cwmbran, Gwent. In Septem-

ber the group entered into two agreements for the sale of the premises for a total of £1.37m (book value £610,000). The first contract was completed in October for £687,000 for half the arrest of the same and the same arrest than the same a

half-year profits are up 57 per cent at £1.08m.

by Siebe

Gorman

current six months.

ted companies.

New York, Dec 16.-After mov ing indecisively for most of the day, the New York stock market had its second consecutive setback and finished lower in moderate

trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.94 points to 586.83. It dropped 3.60 points Friday.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed weak eight to 14, cents lower. Dec. 455c: March. 466-467c: May. 465-460c: July. 426-427c: Sept. 435c: Dec. 120c. MAIZE closed easier 5°, to 10.10 cents hearer. Dec. 534-535c: March. May, 60.80c: July, 61.30c: Sept, 62.30c: Nov. unquoied c: Dec. unquoied c: Cocoa.—Futures closed between 120 and 165 up on 1.253 lets. Dec. 75.50c: Mayr 63.50c: July, 61.40c: Sept, 69.50c: May, 63.60c: July, 61.40c: Sept, 67.50c: May, 63.60c: July, 61.40c: Sept, 67.50c: Dec. 57.50c: mominal: March, 55.25c nominal: May. 51.00c. May. 61.00c. May. 61.00c. May. 61.00c. 61.00c

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Business appointments

Mr Peter Johnson takes over as JFB chairman

Mr Peter Johnson has been made chairman of Johnson and Firth Brown following the resignation of Mr Oliver Jessel, who continues as a director of the company.

Mr E. Y. Whittle will succeed

Mr E. Y. Whittle will succeed Mr E. S. Tibbetts as deputy chief executive of Lloyds Bank International on his retirement next April. Mr M. R. Luthert, after temporary attachment to Lloyds Bank, will return to LBI to succeed Mr Whittle as head of the European division and has been appointed a director. pointed a director.

Mr. J. B. H. Pegler is to retire

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Mr. J. B. H. Pegler is to retire next. August as managing director of the Cierical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society. Mr. L. G. Hall will succeed him as chief executive officer, with the title of general manager but retains his seat on the board.

Sir Frederick Catherwood and Sir Frederick Catherwood and Mr Alex Jarratt have joined the main board of Goodyear Tyre and Robber. Sir Frederick is chairman of the British Institute of Manage. ment. Mr Jarratt was recently appointed chairman and chief

executive of Reed International.
Mr T. G. Picken and Mr R. R.
Walker have gone on the board of
London and Midland Industrials. Mr F. R. Howard has been made director of W. N. Sharpe. Mr H. S. Mullaly, the British

Petroleum trading director respon-sible for administration, retires a sible for administration, retires at the end of the month and is succeeded by Mr D. F. Gresham, managing director of BP Tanker Co. Mr Gresham will become a non-executive director of .BP Tanker Co. Mr G. A. B. King, general manager of the shipping department, will succeed Mr Gresham as managing director. Mr R. B. Horton, a coordinator in the regional directorate Europe, of BP Trading, joins the board of BP Tanker Co, and is appointed general manager in Mr King's place.

Mr Ronald Griffiths has been

Mr Ronald Griffiths has been nade managing director of Entectic. Mr J. Bryan Atherton has beer appointed managing director Flather Bright Steels.



United City Merchants Limited

Chairman Eric Sosnow reports

SALES: £138,768,360 (£90,115,019)

DIVIDEND: 0.924p per share (maximum permissible)

PRE-TAX PROFIT: £1,959,290 (£1,540,282) EARNINGS PER SHARE: 6.50p (5.52p) covered seven times The main activity of the Group is worldwide international trade A copy of the Annual Report will be sent on request to:-U.C.M. House, 3/5 Swallow Place, Princes Street, London W1A 1BB

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RUBBER PHYSICALS closed easier.—

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Zing steady with crish metal 22.75 down and three months, 22.50 lower, Stacks drouped 2.600 metric tons to 19.500. Afternoon.—Cash, 2020.50-31.00 metric ton: three months 1232.00.29.50. Sales, 400 tons. Morning.—Cash. 2530.50-21.50: three months, 2020.00.50.00. Settlement, 2020.00. Settlement, 2020.00.00. Settlement, 2020.00. Settlement, 2020.0 MEAT ISINTH/IOIN .—BEEF: Scotch killed sides—IPY KKCF . 27,0-31,0p a lie; English hindustriens—heavy—IPX KKCF . 38,0-40,0p: English forquariers—15,5-14,0p: Uster hindustriers—20,0p a kikich . 38,0-40,0p a lied and a lied and a lied and a lied a li Sterling climbed to \$2.3295 against the dollar, to show a net rise of 160 points on the day. Its effective rate improved to 21.1 from 21.6 per ceut on Friday. Dealers thought that the Bank of England may have intervened to aid the pound partly through spot purchases of the currency and partly through operations to raise the cost of short-term Eurosterling interest rates, but some dealers reported seeing no evidence of central bank action.

Foreign Exchange Pound's recovery

continues

Sterling remained at the centre of foreign exchange market attention yesterday as it extended Friday's recovery against the dollar and major European currencies. Gathering confidence in the pound remained linked with the latest reassurances by Certain oil-produc-ing states about their intentions on investment in the United King-dom, dealers said.

Spot Position of Sterling

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And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice. Strand, London WC2A SLL. on the 20th day of January 1975, and any creditor or contributors of the said Company requiring sach port or oppose the making of an Order on the said Polition may appear at the time of hearing in person or with the contributors of the said Company requiring such will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such capy on payment of the regulated Charge for the same.

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SUGAR

Sweet crisis and sour prices as European crops fail

by John Woodland Commodities Editor

period of the sort which has month with the price climb-never been seen before and one which most traders, mere rent record of £650 a ton on chants, consumers and pro- November 21.

expand production.

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are to expand production at This was not surprising bewas thought to be an expensive luxury with the estimated cost for a 100,000-tonne new mill put at a minimum of £30m. This estimate for expansion is in Africa for expansion is in Afric

is rising daily.

Catastrophic European crops this season electrified the world markets after particularly bad weather for sugar beet growing. It caused the London sugar brokers, C. Czarnikow, to estimate the European harvest at just 24,490.000 tonnes, a drop of 2,300,000 tonnes over 1973-74.

Stocks are down to a mere 10 weeks' supply and people are having to forgo their normal consumption of sugar, either because they cannot crops this season electrified the potential is enormous. Some wise business-men had begun to increase production long before the price explosion. Booker McConnell, for instance, has been growing and manufacturing sugar since the mid-inneteenth continuity. The company is now involved, by way of investment or management services, in the production of more than 500,000 tonnes of sugar annually in the Caribbean and Africa.

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normal consumption of sugar, either because they cannot afford it or because it simply is nor there.

In Kenya the Mumias sugar scheme has been sponsored by the Government and de-

Britain is one of the worst affected countries, with Czarnikow forecasting production down from 1,047,000 tonnes in 1973-74 to 650,000 tonnes this season. But even this goal may not be reached

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ducers have no desire to see again.

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Sweden	288,110	294.811	
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Nigeria	121,828	110,841	
South Africa	559,981	588,465	
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New major setback to **Commonwealth supplies**

Richard Allen

he temporary breakdown negotiations in Brussels id London with Common-ealth sugar producers to fix EEC tortuously formula-

rkets in an attempt to cure supplies to meet mediate needs had run to serious difficulties. The mmission had invited ten-

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ribed the setback to the aporary closure of the is sugar market, which made forward sales diffit. He also voiced a susion that traders had been after 20 hours of negotiations that a powerful West h tenders hoping that the nmission would pay up of desperation to get the eme off the ground.

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Sir Christopher Soames, a
tice-president of the EEC
Commission, hit back at
critics of the sugar negotiations and said: "Britain's
sugar supplies are threatened by the world market.
Britain is in a better position to safeguard her future
as a member of the Community than if she were outside."

It is abundantly clear that

producers diverting CSA sugar to more lucrative American markets in a desperate move to cover soarng production costs.

ealth sugar producers to fix price for consignments tion of this policy would have amounted to a direct contravention of EEC rules d sugar policy.

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Jowever, the commission red last week that tenders eived in this first tentases step in the scheme were high that it could not ept them.

Commonwealth-EEC sugar arrangements to establish supplies from Australia as part of its EEC renegotiasion rejected the proposal outright.

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Sugar and the business of Booker McConnell

Guyana Bookers Sugar Estates – a consistently profitable subsidiary company – produces 300,000 tons of sugar and 100,000 tons of molasses a year on eight estates. Guyana is now the biggest sugar-exporting country in the Commonwelth Caribbean. The company employs 18,000 people and will easy this year about \$45m in foreign exchange for and will earn this year about £45m in foreign exchange for Guyana. Land in cane has expanded from 78,000 acres to 90,000 acres in the last five years.

Nigeria Booker McConnell has pioneered the only succe ful sugar industry in West Africa. It developed the Bacita estate in the Niger valley, built the factory and provided estate in the Miger valley, both the latesty and it owns management and technical advisory services; and it owns 17% of the equity of the Nigerian Sugar Company. This year about 35,000 tons of sugar were produced and the company is highly profitable.

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Napoleon interested in the process in leaves and 1811 because the British crop losses. blockade had cut off the raw 764,286 sugar supply from the West 602,185 Indies. and under his influence 40 factories were established in France.

In Britain the first factory was built by Dutch interests at Cantley, Norfolk in 1912. 44,897 This was not a commercial success for it incurred losses 309,913 for four years. A second 361,552 factory was built in 1921, 353,664 and in 1925 when Britain was suffering from economic April approved a scheme for assistance for 10 years. During ance for 10 years. During the decade 16 more factories established.

In 1936 all the factories were amalgamated under the September newly formed British Sugar October Corporation. Now beet is November

the corporation produced 948,000 tons of white sugar equivalent (872,000 in 1972-73), 653,000 tons of dried molasses beet pulp (564,000 tons), and 143,000 tons

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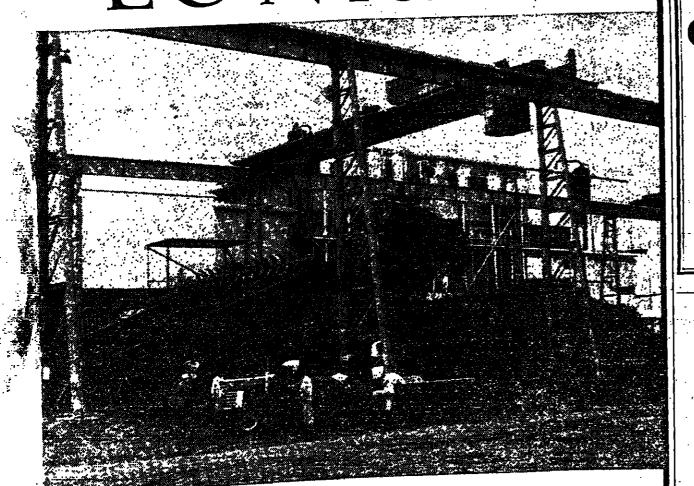
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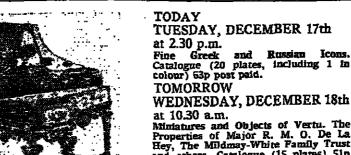
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DAM.—On 14th Dec., 1974, to hospital, Gordon Stewart Adam, of Camping Close, Wichsam Market, Suffonk, aged 74 years, surviving son of the late William Adam, of Kidderminster, Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium on Friday. 20th Decamber, at 3.30 p.m. Enguires to Hastings Funeral Service, Berneras 57, 1pswich 191 3Lw. Tel. 0475, 52544.

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AUSTIN.—On Wednesday, 11th December, 1974, 3t Roundwood, Liscol Clive Grantham Austin. December, 1974. At Roundwood, Lt.-Col. Cilve Grantham Austin, D.L., J.P., late Royal Artillery. Cremation took place privately. Memorial service will be an-nounced later.

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